

# Death Claims Dr. Wright, Former Pittsburgh Pa. Founder of Ghana School

GHANA—The Rev. Dr. Ralph S. Wright, an American-educated missionary and founder and principal of Washington Carver Institute in Ghana, is dead.

He was born in Freetown, Sierra Leone, and educated at the Wesley (now Methodist) Boys High School there. He became a teacher and was later ordained a minister of the gospel.

For some time he was with the Bethel Methodist Church, but later joined the CME Church. He arrived in Ghana from America about 12 years ago and founded the Christine Smith Institute, but later he changed the name to Washington Carver Institute after the great Negro scientist.

In 1946, Shorter College, Little Rock, Ark., conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

He was popularly known as the "silver-tongued orator," and his annual watch-night services were popular with the people. He identified himself with the political struggle of Ghana and opened rallies with prayers. He was married and had two children.

## African Catholic bishop dies; was ranking prelate

NEW YORK CITY — The Most Rev. Ignace Rambosandratana, first bishop of Miarinarivo, Madagascar, Africa, and one of 24 colored bishops appointed by Pope Pius XII, died recently, the St. Augustine's Messenger, Catholic monthly published here, reported.

Rishow Rambosandratana was one of the two ranking colored bishops in the church. The other is the Most Rev. Joseph Kiwanuka, bishop of Masaka in Uganda. Bishop Rambosandratana had been a bishop for 18 years.

CONSECRATED BY the Pope in 1939, he was a zealous missionary who underwent great sacrifices to visit his flock.

He introduced teaching brothers and sisters into his diocese and built a seminary largely with funds solicited abroad, since the diocese is poor.

In the pulpit, Bishop Rambosandratana was a gifted orator. The diocese of Miarinarivo has a Catholic population of 36,000. Madagascar is a French possession.

The death of Bishop Rambosandratana reduces the number of Catholic bishops in the world to 23.

description had been a truthful one.

There seems little in the new Prime Minister's early or recent background to cause hope for any relaxation of South African Nationalist policies of apartheid with him at the helm of government.

## Architect of Apartheid new S. Africa premier

CAPETOWN, S. Africa—Henrick F. Verwoerd, South Africa's "architect of apartheid," and a wartime Nazi sympathizer, last week became its Prime Minister to succeed Johannes G. Strijdom, who died on August 24.

Verwoerd was elected by an undisclosed margin after two ballots by the 177 members of the Union of South Africa.

Upon his return to the Union of South Africa, he assumed the post of applied psychology and later of sociology at the University of Stellenbosch, most "liberal" of those in the

In 1936, his last year at Stellenbosch, Verwoerd won the approval of the Nationalist professors to oppose the admission of Jewish refugees into South Africa from Nazi Germany.

During the war years the Minister is a native of Amsterdam, Holland, and has lived in South Africa since he was a sympathizer, whereupon he brought here at the age of two to sue for libel by his father, a Dutch Reformed Justice Millin, who tried the Church missionary.

HE LATER became editor of 5,000 protestant mission schools to natives and in pre-Die Transvaaler, and soon establishing their worshipping in established for it a reputation as the most extreme of the Nationalist publications.

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## Famous African Jurist Is Buried

ACCRA, Ghana (AP) — The Government and the people of Ghana are in mourning because of the death of Sir Henley Coussey, an African judge who rose to the top of his profession and who played a great part in the history of Ghana.

Judge Coussey leaves his widow, Lady Coussey, and a son and daughter.

# Heart Attack Claims Dr. Heard At Hospital Here

Dr. Coley Richard Heard, practicing dentist, civic leader and prominent churchman in Tuskegee for the past 50 years, died early Thursday in the Macon County Hospital following a heart attack Monday night at his home. He was 74 years old.

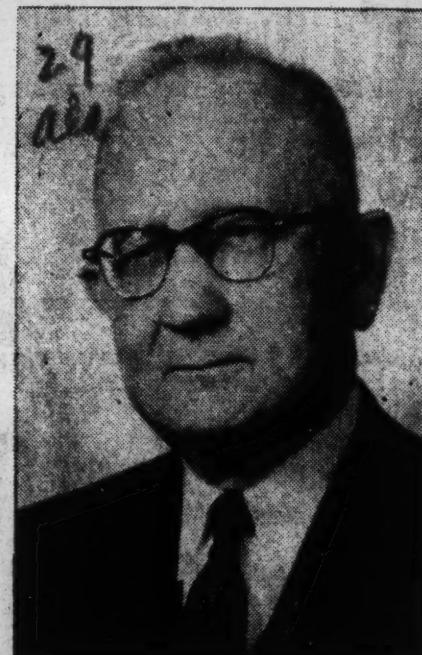
Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p. m. Friday at the residence on South Main Street. Burial will be in Tuskegee Cemetery.

A native of Camp Hill, Ala., where he was born on April 9, 1883, Dr. Heard came to Tuskegee in 1908 and began the practice of dentistry after graduating from the Atlanta Dental College. In recent years he has been associated in the practice of dentistry with his daughter, Dr. Claudia Heard.

Dr. Heard had long been affiliated with the civic and religious life of the community, having served for a number of years as Ga., and several nieces and superintendent of the Sunday School at Tuskegee Methodist Church. He was a charter member of Tuskegee Rotary Club and served one term as president. His professional affiliations included membership in the national and state Dental Associations.

Although his activities have been restricted in recent years due to health reasons, he continued to practice his profession until the attack Monday.

He was married on Aug. 14, 1943, to Miss Frances Hurt. Besides the widow, he is survived by two daughters by a previous marriage, Dr. Claudia Heard, Tuskegee, and Mrs. Thomas Hostetter, of El Dorado, Ark.; one grandson,



DR. COLEY R. HEARD

Thomas Hostetter, Jr.; two sisters Mrs. Will McGinty, of Camp Hill, and Mrs. Will White, LaGrange, served for a number of years as Ga., and several nieces and nephews.

#### TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

BROWN, the Rev. Julian Los Angeles, Box 666, died in a local hospital Sunday. Funeral plans will be announced by McKenzies' Funeral Home. Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Kittie B. Brown; a daughter, Mrs. Florine Edwin Pratt; three grandchildren; three sisters, Miss Juanette Brown, Henderson, Ky., Mrs. Mary Ashford, New Haven, Conn., Mrs. Ethel Jones, Evansville, Ind., six brothers, the Rev. Sylvanus Brown, Paulsboro, N.J., Norman Brown, Detroit, Mich., William Brown, Henderson, Ky., Ralph Brown and Joseph Brown, Chicago, Ill., and Hugh Victor Brown, Goldsboro, N.C.

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## Funeral Rites Held For Miss Cooper, Victim Of Traffic Accident Monday

A distinct shock and great loss was felt this week by many relatives and scores of friends at the death of Miss Peggy Cooper, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident early Monday afternoon.

Miss Cooper received injuries from which she died when the car in which she was riding with Miss Sylvia Scott swerved off the highway and overturned near Chehaw. Highway Patrolman Larry Waldrop, who investigated with Patrolman R. L. Howard, said the car went out of control when it

swerved to avoid striking a Negro child who ran onto the highway.

Miss Scott suffered serious injuries and is confined to the Macon County Hospital, where she was reported improved Thursday.

The Negro child, Edgar Lewis McMillan, 5, received a brain concussion and broken leg and was at John Andrew Hospital, where he also was reported improved.

Miss Cooper was first taken to Macon County Hospital and later transferred to Phenix City hospital, where she died about eight hours after the crash.

The funeral for Miss Cooper, which was held Wednesday afternoon at the Tuskegee Baptist Church, was attended by an overflow crowd of sorrowing friends who came to pay final respect to one held in highest esteem. A large number of her classmates, members of the class of 1957 at Tuskegee High School, returned from college and other duties to sit together in a reserved section of the church.

In this group of very close friends were Misses Juanita Mangum, Annette Willcoxon, Sandra Wright, Jimmy Bridges, Stanley Sheppard, James Taylor and Wil-

liam Fuller, all students at API, Auburn; Miss Ruth Bell and Mrs. Hugh Boles (nee Ethel Brooks), of Montgomery Business College; Jerry Lawrence, student at Troy State College, and Mrs. Henry Copeland, Miss Sandra Starr, Ervin Rainey and Charles Griggs.

The church pastor, Rev. W. O. Willham, was assisted by Dr. Wiley D. Ogletree in conducting the rites before the bier, bedecked and surrounded by quantities of beautiful floral bouquets. Music was provided by the church organist, Cliff Edwards.

Interment was in Pleasant Springs Cemetery with Corbitt's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Eight young men who were classmates or close friends serving as pall bearers were Vann Glass, Horace Glass, Jackie Gaston, James Tomlin, Larry Kelly, John Ross, Buddy Reynolds and Mack McNair.

Born 18 years ago in Overland, Missouri, Peggy Louise Cooper moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Cooper, to Tuskegee when she was just a little girl and had lived here all her life. As a child, she united with the Tuskegee Baptist Church and had been active in every phase of its program. She had a sweet soprano voice and sang regularly in the choir and, on many occasions, with a girl's sextette.

Peggy possessed a happy and amiable disposition, which endeared her to all who knew her. Since finishing high school last year, she had been employed at Southern Bell Telephone Co.

Surviving, besides the parents, is one brother, Airman 1-c Jerry L. Cooper, who is stationed at Laredo Air Force Base, Laredo, Texas. A niece and nephew and a large number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

## Wreck Kills Tuskegee Girl

TUSKEGEE, Jan. 21 (AP) — An 18-year-old Tuskegee girl was fatally injured when an automobile overturned near here yesterday.

She was identified as Peggy Louise Cooper.

The automobile driven by Miss Cooper was traveling at a high rate of speed on a Macon County highway 3.6 miles north of Tuskegee, said Highway Patrolman L. E. Waldrop. The car swerved in an attempt to avoid hitting 5-year-old Edward Louis McMillan of Tuskegee Rt. 1, who ran into the road, Waldrop said, and overturned.

Sylvia Scott, 18, of Tuskegee and Miss Cooper were thrown from the car.

Hospital attendants in Tuskegee today reported Miss Scott in good condition and the McMillan child in very serious condition.

**2 KILLED IN WRECK**  
TUSKEGEE — A speeding car careened off a highway, struck a bridge, leaped across a creek and tumbled back into the water near here Tuesday. Two Negroes were killed, a third critically injured.

Highway Patrolman R. L. Howard said the victims lay in the wreckage nearly seven hours before they were found. He said Frank Edward Mindingal, 29, of Tuskegee Rt. 1 and Lehman C Burns, 25, of Tuskegee were killed. Harold Carter was hurt.

# Funeral Services Held At Home For Mrs. Alexander

ments.

Friends in Tuskegee and throughout this area were saddened Monday when news came of the passing of Mrs. Annie Lyde Alexander, widow of Edward R. Alexander. She had been ill for about a week and had been taken to St. Francis Hospital in Columbus where the end came shortly after noon Monday.

Born in Senatobia, Miss., Annie Lyde Smith was the daughter of Thomas Lyde and Sarah Anna McElmore Smith. She moved to Tuskegee as a child and had lived here for most of the remainder of her life. She was educated in the local public school and attended Agnes Scott College and the Methodist Conference Female College, then located in Tuskegee and now Huntingdon College, Montgomery.

Mrs. Alexander is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Philip M. Lightfoot (nee Margaret Smith), of Tuskegee, and Miss Sarah Anne Smith, of Anniston; one nephew, Lieut. Thomas Lyde Smith, and two grand-nephews, Thomas Lyde Smith, III and Donald Graham Smith, of Dugway, Utah.

## Two Lose Lives

### In Auto Accident

While living for a few years in Anniston, she was married in 1916 to Mr. Alexander and they returned to Tuskegee to make their home. During young womanhood, she often delighted her friends with the gift of her beautiful soprano voice. She was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church on Tuskegee Notogulga Highway of Tuskegee and a staunch supporter of every phase of the church program. She was an honorary life-time member of the Women of the Church.

Mrs. Alexander was active in the cultural, civic, social and religious life of the city and scores of friends will keenly miss the presence of this gracious lady. Possessed of a broad intellect, she had traveled extensively, both throughout the United States and abroad.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the residence, Grey Columns. Dr. Henry Edward Russell, pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, of Montgomery, conducted the rites and burial followed in Tuskegee Cemetery. Corbett's Funeral Home was in charge of arrange-

ments.

Serving as active pallbearers were Ben Walker, Jr., Talmage Flowers, William Varner, Jr., Robert Edward Varner, Thomas George Varner, W. M. Russell, Jr., E. C. Laslie, Jr. and Lonnie Noojin, Jr. Honorary pallbearers were E. C. Laslie, M. H. Hurt, Copeland Allen, L. C. Lewis, J. W. Rushing, Allen Parker, L. M. Alley and Adm. D. C. Woodward.

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Harold Carter, 25, also of Tuskegee, was taken to the VA Hospital where it was reported he had a good chance to recover.

Highway Patrolman R. L. Howard, who investigated, said the car plunged into the creek about 12:30 a. m. Tuesday and the wreck was not discovered until about six hours later. The officers said the car was traveling at a high rate of speed when it left the road.

# Carter Gaston Dies; Former ~~Donald~~ Baseball League Manager

Brown, Ala.

Funeral services for Carter (White Rose) Gaston, Sr., 46-year-old former umpire and veteran team manager-player in the YMCA Industrial Baseball League, were held Sunday afternoon, February 16, at the Brown Memorial C. M. E. Church, with the Rev. John J. Jackson, pastor, officiating.



CARTER GASTON, SR.  
SUFFERED STROKE  
ON HUNTING TRIP

Mr. Gaston died at 4:35 a. m. Tuesday, February 12, at Lloyd Noland Hospital, Fairfield. A relative said he suffered a stroke, Saturday February 8, between Montgomery and Birmingham. He was enroute home from Greenville, Ala., where he had been on a hunting trip.

Mr. Gaston was a baseball umpire at the time of his death. For a number of years, he served as manager of the Westfield (Industrial League) team. He spent his earlier years as a sensational pitcher with the Achco Pipe Moulders team.

Born in Gastonburg, Alabama, he celebrated his 64th birthday, last January 26. His birth date was 1912. He resided at 918 North 4th Street Birmingham, at the time of his death.

His close survivors include: his widow, Mrs. Cynthia Gaston; a son, Carter Gaston, Jr., three grandsons, Finis, Malcolm and Carter, III; and three brothers, Lawrence Gaston, Detroit, Michigan; Eddie Gaston, of Jason, Alabama; and

Mary Gaston, of New York. Interment was set for Grice Hill Cemetery, with Poole Funeral Home Directors in charge of rites.

## Marie B. Owen

### Dies In Selma

SELMA, Ala. March 1 (AP)—Mrs. Marie Bankhead Owen, director of the State Department of Archives and History for 35 years, died tonight at a rest home in Selma. She was 89.

Mrs. Owen was the daughter of a former U.S. Senator, sister of a former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and a former U.S. Senator and the aunt of an internationally known actress.

Her husband, the late Dr. Thomas M. Owen, founded the Department of Archives in 1901. He died in 1920 and she was named to succeed him.

Mrs. Owen retired three years ago. She wrote several historical works, including the four-volume "History of Alabama."

Her politically famous brothers were the late Sen. John H. Bankhead Jr., and the late Speaker of the House William B. Bankhead.

Mrs. Owen was the daughter of John Hollis and Tallulah Bankhead. Her father was a captain in the Confederate Army during the War between the States. Later he served in both houses of the Alabama Legislature. He was a member of Congress for 20 years and was senior senator from Alabama at the time of his death.

Mrs. Owen was born in Nuxubee County, Miss., in 1869. She received her early education in rural schools and later attended Ward's Academy at Nashville, Tenn.

She was a news, feature and education writer for The Montgomery Advertiser for several years.

immediately to the Macon County Hospital. She lapsed into a coma from which she did not regain consciousness and the end came shortly before 6:30.

Minnie Lee Gilder was born 62 years ago at Montgomery. On Sept. 20, 1917, she was married to the late Frank H. Carr, for many years mayor, City Councilman and prominent Tuskegee citizen. For the past 40 years she resided in Tuskegee rearing her children and taking an active interest in all civic and community affairs. She was a member of the Methodist Church and took an active part in the WSCS, having just been named last week as chairman of one of its circles for next year. She was also an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Carr numbered her friends by her acquaintances, being possessed of an easily friendly manner and affable disposition. She was a devoted wife and mother and a faithful friend and she will be sorely missed by all who were privileged to know her.

The funeral has been set for Friday morning and will be held at the Carr residence at 10 o'clock. Rev. John Lane, pastor of the Tuskegee Methodist Church, will officiate. Pallbearers will be Roscoe Clyatt, Thomas Clyatt, Virgil Glass, Robert Howard, C. E. Sanford, L. M. Gregg, Brinkley Johnson and James L. Braswell, Jr. Burial will be in Tuskegee Cemetery, Corbett's Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. Carr is survived by one son, William H. Carr, of Port St. Joe, Fla.; one daughter, Mrs. Frances Parker, of Dothan; six grandchildren and one great-grandson; one brother, E. L. Gilder, of Eau Galle, Fla.; and five sisters, Mrs. Louise Vaughan, of Birmingham, Mrs. Aileen Burton of Auburn, Mrs. Imogene Millsap

and Mrs. Lillian Jones, of Montgomery, and Miss Sallie H. Gilder, of Hilland, N. C.

## Mrs. Frank Carr, Widow Of Former

### Mayor, Dies After Attack At Home

Mrs. Frank H. Carr had suffered a sudden and fatal attack at her home on South Main Street. She became ill about 6:30 and called her physician, who had her moved





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Pittsburgh  
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**Mourned—Friends** throughout the country mourned the death of Mrs. Pearl Strawbridge Johnston, 75, widow of Dr. David Lee Johnston of Birmingham, Ala. She was a writer of poems and was a founder of the Semper Fidelis Club in Birmingham. For the past several years she had lived in Jamaica, N. Y.

## Edward H. Cravens Jr. Passes

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Nov. 29, 1958. The Tuskegee community was saddened by the passing of Edward H. Cravens this week. Mr. Cravens came to Tuskegee in 1947 as Pharmacist at the S. Veterans Hospital, and was member of Pharmacy from 1948 until his retirement October 31, 1957.

Born to Edward H. and Nannie Cravens, South Pittsburgh, Tennessee, January 29, 1901, Edward, Jr., received his early training in the public school of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was graduated from Clark College, Atlanta, Ga., and from the Meharry Medical School of Pharmacy in Nashville, Tennessee. His post graduate work was done at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. Cravens served in the Medical Detachment, Army Hospital overseas during World War I, and was honorably discharged July 26, 1918. Before taking the position as Pharmacist at the V. A. Hospital at Tuskegee, he studied dentistry one year at the Meharry School of Dentistry, Nashville. He was the founder of the first of American Legion in the state of Alabama, and was the Commander of the Britton McKenzie Post No. 150 for many years. He was State Adjutant for American Legion Posts for Negroes in Alabama. During World War II, he reorganized the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to "Harris-Mosley-Tresville Post," 4645.

Dr. Cravens was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, American Pharmaceutical Association, American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, a registered voter of Macon County for 23 years, and one of the original members and chairman of the Trustee Board of Bowen Methodist Church. He married Miss Madge Revere, June 1, 1935 and to this union was born one daughter who is now Sister Mary Casilda, O. P. He is survived by his widow, two daughters—one by a former marriage two grandsons, a brother, nephew, other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning November 26 at 10 o'clock a. m. at the Bowen Methodist Church, Tuskegee Institute, Rev. J. T. Norwood, officiating. Interment was at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Pallbearers were: A. W. Calhoun, U. E. Burns, G. C. Looney, O. Lightfoot, Wendell

Powell, M. A. Jones, Leon R. Williams and George R. Franklin.

## Final Rites To Be Held Friday For A. B. Yates, Tuskegee Florist

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Funeral services will be held here Friday for A. B. Yates, 65, prominent businessman.

Clayton C. Yates, of Atlanta, brother of the deceased, will leave Atlanta this afternoon to be present for the funeral.

Yates, a florist, died here Sunday at 10:30 a. m. in his home after five weeks of illness. He was the son of the late John W. Yates, who came to Tuskegee for one year at the invitation of Dr. Washington, in 1907 and remained a lifetime. Mr. Yates was born July 12, 1885, in Springfield, Ohio. From earliest childhood, he was associated with his father in the greenhouse business. For many years, "Yates and Son" was the only florist in Tuskegee. The community was most ably served by them. After the death of his father, John W. Yates, Jr., carried on with the help of two sons, for a number of years.

Mr. Yates was married to Miss Ethel L. Sykes, of Aberdeen, Mississippi, February 19, 1921. Born unto them were two sons, Archie B. Jr., and Clayton C. Yates, and wife, two grandchildren Deidre D. and Clayton C. Jr., Yates, of Cleveland, Ohio, a brother, Clayton R. Yates of Atlanta, Ga., two aunts, Mrs. Mayme E. Copes and Mrs. R. Slaughter, both of Cleveland, Ohio, and a host of friends and distant relatives.

The Tuskegee Community has suffered a great loss in the passing of Mr. Yates. He was organization booster, giving aid to churches, schools, and fraternal organizations whenever called upon. He was a veteran of World War I, and has been an active member of the Britton McKenzie Post No. 150, serving as Second Commanding Officer of that post.

## ALABAMA

## Funeral Held At Notasulga Church For J. W. Zachry

Funeral services for Jesse W. Zachry, 65 member of the Macon County Board of Registrars and prominent business man of Notasulga, who died last Saturday of a heart attack, were conducted at 3:30 p. m. Sunday at the Notasulga Methodist Church, with the Rev. U. L. Martin, the Rev. J. R. Robinson and the Rev. S. Mathison officiating. Burial was in Notasulga Cemetery. Corbitt's Funeral Home in charge.

Active pallbearers were E. H. Bentley, Jr., Frank Harper, Jim Delbridge, Ernest Starr, Hilton Huey and Ralph Kirby. Honorary pallbearers were E. P. Livingston, G. O. Bush, Towery Calhoun, Herman Whitman and Wylie Kirby.

Mr. Zachry suffered the fatal attack while driving into town to get help after trying to extinguish a woods fire on his property near Notasulga. A Negro neighbor riding with him brought the car to a stop.

A native of Marion County, Mr. Zachry had made his home in Notasulga all his life.

Surviving are the widow, two daughters, Mrs. T. W. Alexander, Wilmington, Del., and Mrs. E. C. Smith, Birmingham; one brother, A. B. Zachry, College Park, Ga.; one sister, Mrs. S. H. Stough, Notasulga; three grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

## Dr. Horace G. Dwiggins

### Dies Of Heart Attack

Illinois.

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In Army Medical Corps

From 1942 to 1946, Dr. Dwiggins served in the U. S. Army Medical corps as a lieutenant colonel.

Since 1942, he had served as chief of the ophthalmology department at the Tuskegee Veterans hospital and had conducted an accredited residency program in that service since 1951.

Dr. Dwiggins was a native of Kansas City, Kas., and was widely known in Greater Kansas City. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Dwiggins, whose family home was at 852 Oakland Avenue on the Kansas side.

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock last Friday morning at the Greenwood Baptist church

at Tuskegee with the Rev. Raymond F. Harvey, pastor, in charge. Burial was at Tuskegee.

### Interred in Kansas City

Dr. Dwiggins was born March 17, 1909, in Kansas City, Kas. He was graduated from Sumner high school in 1926 and received his B.A. degree from Lincoln university in Pennsylvania in 1930. He was graduated from the Meharry Medical college in 1934 and shortly thereafter became a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

The physician served as an interne at General hospital No. 2 in Kansas City in 1934-35 and from 1935 to 1937 was resident surgeon at the Wheatley Provident hospital.

He received a staff appointment in general surgery at the Tuskegee Veterans hospital in 1938. In 1941, Dr. Dwiggins did graduate work in ophthalmology (eye diseases) at the Veterans Administration graduate school in New York City. The following year was spent as an interne at Billings hospital in Chicago.

During the year 1947-48, Dr. Dwiggins was a resident in ophthalmology at the Provident hospital in Chicago, and during the same period was a fellow in ophthalmology at the University of



DR. HORACE DWIGGINS

# Screams Rout Would-Be Rapist

MOBILE, Oct. 14 (UPI)—A knife-wielding Negro early today attacked an attractive white woman but her screams foiled his rape attempt and he fled. The tall, 34-year-old woman, said she had been out on a date and her companion had walked her to within a block of her home.

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She said she noticed someone rushing up on her and saw a "well-built, young Negro."

He grabbed her, called her a vile name and began dragging her toward a vacant house, she said.

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She bit him and screamed, she added.

"I yelled for mother," and her mother came running to the scene. The Negro fled, leaving her clothing in tatters.

## Mrs. Edna Shehee Dies at Tuskegee

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. (ANP)—Funeral services were held last night for Mrs. Edna Cheeks Shehee, long-time staff member of Tuskegee Institute.

Mrs. Shehee began her service at the Institute during the administration of Dr. Booker T. Washington. She worked in the office of Dr. J. R. E. Lee and also served as secretary in the offices of the treasurer and registrar during the administration of Dr. Robert R. Moton.

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## Negro Cripple Is Killed When Car Hits Wheel Chair

*Tuskegee, Ala.  
7-19-58*  
William Washington, Negro wheel chair patient familiar to many because of his custom of spending most days in front of the Alabama Exchange Bank, was killed last Wednesday evening when his wheel chair was struck by a car at the intersection of Fonville Avenue and Montgomery Highway.

His wife, who was pushing the wheel chair home from downtown Tuskegee, received arm and shoulder injuries.

Police Chief Oliver Hodnett, who investigated the accident along with Police Officer H. R. Finney, arrested Lewis K. Morris, of Montgomery, on charges of manslaughter, driving while intoxicated, and driving without a license.

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Mr. Mathew Woods, Retired  
Animal Husbandry 1910-1954  
Tues. April 29, 1958  
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

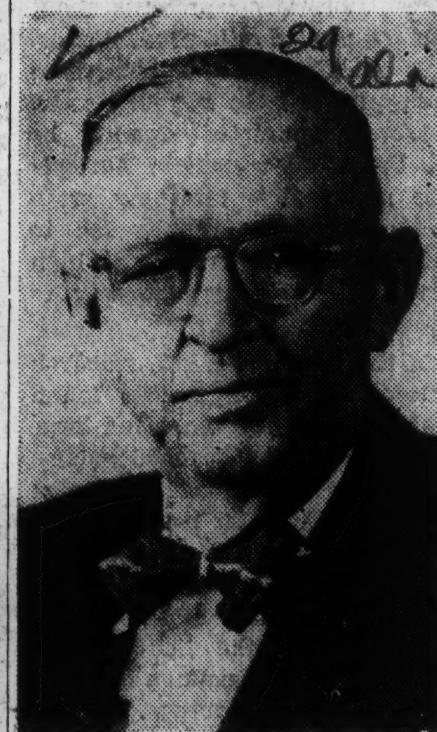
## B. L. Balch Dies At Local Hospital Of Brief Illness

Berta Leon Balch, who began his career in education at Notasulga nearly 50 years ago and who retired several years ago as Macon County superintendent of education, died Wednesday night at Macon County Hospital after an illness of about a week. He was 74 years of age.

A native of Madison County, Alabama, Mr. Balch received his BS degree at Auburn and MS degrees at the University of Alabama. He started teaching school at Notasulga in 1911 as principal of the grammar school.

He left Notasulga to accept a position as principal at Ashland and transferred from there to Elba and later to Fayette. He served for a number of years as Fayette County superintendent. Following his work there he made his home in Birmingham for about 15 years and returned to Macon County in 1946 to become superintendent. Upon his retirement from that position, he was elected chairman of the Macon County board of Education and has served in that capacity since.

After his retirement as school superintendent he was ordained a minister in the Baptist Church in June, 1955. On the death of Dr. J. C. Stivender he served the local Baptist Church as interim pastor for about nine months. He has served as supply pastor for many churches in this area and several months ago was elected moderator of the Tuskegee Baptist Association. He was teacher of the Campbell Bible Class at Tuskegee Baptist Church for many years and was member of the board of dea-



B. L. BALCH

cons. He was a member of and past president of Tuskegee Rotary Club.

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Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Tuskegee Baptist Church, with the Rev. W. O. Willham and the Rev. Wiley D. Ogletree officiating. Burial will be in Tuskegee Cemetery, Cobbitt's Funeral Home in charge.

Active pallbearers will be C. A. Pruitt, A. B. Hope, Madison Davis, E. W. Wadsworth, J. H. Nichols and Dewey Randall.

Honorary pallbearers will be the deacons of the Tuskegee Baptist Church, Tuskegee Baptist Association ministers and members of the Rotary Club.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs.

Martha Crawford Balch; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Martinson, Houston, Tex.; one son, the Rev. Leon Crawford Balch, Chattanooga, Tenn.; three brothers, Henry Balch, Huntsville, Ala., Rev. S. W. Balch, Birmingham, and J. A. Balch, Madison Ala.; three sisters, Mrs. E. W. Clift, Atlanta, Mrs. Henry Hobbs, Decatur, Ala., and Mrs. D. C. Broyles, Madison, Ala., and five grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. ERNEST NEAL

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neal and daughter were in Tuskegee last week for the sad mission of burying their young son, Ernest Jr., who died in Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Mr. Neal, Director of the Rural Life Council, Tuskegee Institute, has been with his family in the Philippines.

Herald  
Tues. June 24, 1958  
Tuskegee, Ala.

MRS. LEONA CHEEKS SHEHEE  
PASSES, Sunday Morning  
August 17, 1958  
John A. Andrew Memorial  
Hospital

DECEASED

MR. WINSTON THOMPSON POWELL  
Class of 1903; Agriculture  
DIED, JOHN A. ANDREW HOSPITAL  
THURS. MORNING, AUG 21, 1958

DECEASED

MRS. ROSA BUTLER JONES, CLASS  
1925, passed Thursday, Sept. 11, 1958  
Widow of the late Abraham Jones  
At time of passing was instructor  
Washington Public School.

Tuskegee Institute registers its sorrow over the  
Mar. 9-29-58  
September 30th passing of DR. HORACE GREELY DWIGGINS,  
Calendar of Events June, 1958  
who for the past several years served as Consultant in  
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.  
Ophthalmology at the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital.  
Official condolences have been extended the family.

WEDNESDAY

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

DAILY ACTIVITY SHEET

Issued Through Division of Public Relations

Wednesday, April 30, 1958

VOLUME IV

NO. 115

MR. MATTHEW WOODS, RETIRED MEMBER OF FACULTY, PASSES

Few members of the teaching faculty at Tuskegee Institute have left a more lasting impression upon those whom they taught than Mr. Matthew Woods who departed this life on Tuesday, April 29, 1958.

Coming from Dover, Oklahoma, at the turn of the century, Mr. Woods worked his way through Tuskegee Institute earning his expenses by work at the Horse Barn. He early attracted the attention of Dr. Washington by the grooming and expert care given to his saddle horses and carriage animals.

Mr. Woods graduated from the high school department with high honors in 1908. His first assignment was Manager of Marshall Farm, a large unit where many prep school students worked during the day and attended night school at the Institute. He studied at Cornell and Michigan State Universities where he qualified as an excellent teacher of Animal Husbandry and Farm Machinery.

From 1910 until his retirement in 1954 Mr. Woods was a member of the Agricultural faculty. He had charge of the Horse Barn and Central Transportation for many years. Students who worked under his direction received an object lesson in integrity and workmanship.

Mr. Woods was an outstanding athlete while a student, gaining the recognition of All-Time Fullback on the varsity team.

As a teacher he mastered his subject matter completely before coming before his classes. Since manual skills were essential in his courses he was capable of demonstrating the use of the most intricate machinery.

By part-time study Mr. Woods acquired the Bachelor of Science degree from Tuskegee Institute in 1931. His counsel and guidance helped many students to realize their ambitions both while at the Institute and in their life after graduation.

He leaves behind, his widow, Mrs. Evadne Clark Woods, three daughters: Mrs. Winifred Woods Davis, of Tuskegee Institute; Mrs. Letitia Woods Brown, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Gwendolyn Woods Butler, Tuskegee Institute; four grandsons and one granddaughter.

Mr. Woods was a member of the Washington Chapel A. M. E. church and a member and past Master of the Masonic Order - Lewis Adams Lodge 67.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 1, at 4:00 p.m., from the Washington Chapel A. M. E. church with the Rev. T. H. Brown, Pastor, officiating.

THE PASSING OF ERNEST E. NEAL, JR.

Ernest E. Neal, Jr., 11 year old son of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Neal died in Children's Hospital, Washington, D. C., June 16, 1958. He was taken ill in Manila, Philippines Islands in April and was flown with his mother ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> Washington on May 17, for treatment at Children's Hospital.   
Funeral services were held at Gethsemane Baptist Church, Washington on June 18 and burial at Greenwood Cemetery, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, on Friday, June 20. Dr. Neal will be returning to Manila, where he is employed with the United States Operations Mission to the Philippines. Mrs. Neal and Kathleen will remain in the States for an indefinite period.

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ALABAMA

MONDAY

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

DAILY ACTIVITY SHEET

Issued Through Division of Public Relations

Monday, May 5, 1958

VOLUME IV

NO. 117

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE COMMUNITY LOSES PROMINENT CITIZEN

Dr. Sadie Peterson Delaney, who, since 1924, has been Chief Librarian at the Tuskegee VA Hospital, died at her home on Bibb Street in the Tuskegee Institute community early Sunday morning, May 4.

Dr. Delaney was born and received her early training in Rochester, New York. She served for many years as Librarian at the 135th Street Library in New York City before coming to Tuskegee.

For her work in the field of Bibliotherapy she has been nationally and internationally honored. Her excellence in pioneer work in this area of library science at the VA Hospital has been acclaimed by the administrative heads of VA Hospitals throughout the country.

Dr. Delaney was one of the South's distinguished collectors of stamps and antiques. China and glass were among her special interests in collectors' items.

A few of her many accomplishments for which she has been honored by institutions, Women's groups and civic and Greek Letter organizations are:

Introduced bibliotherapy for the mentally ill and hospital library for the blind. Served as Councilor, hospital library division of the American Library Association from 1946 to present time.

Was former member of the League of Nations Library, Geneva, Switzerland.

Founded the first Negro professional women's club in New York City.

Founded Friendship Leagues of America, first philatelic (stamp collecting) club, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Was cited by the Carnegie Corporation, Pretoria, South Africa, for exceptional work in hospital libraries.

Was chosen Woman of the Year by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority in 1949.

Received the Urban League Award in 1950.

Her accomplishments have been made a permanent part of the Congressional Record of the U. S. Congress. (1956)

Among the organizations with which she was affiliated are: The American Library Association; Mental Hygiene Association; Library of Congress Committee on Work with the Blind; International Hospital Library Guild, England . . .; charter member of Women of the Darker Races of America; Iota Phi Lambda and Tuskegee's Woman's Club.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

Delaney, Dr. Sadie Peterson died at her home on Bibb street, Tuskegee Institute, May 4, 1958. Dr. Delaney was born and received her early training in Rochester, N.Y. She served many years as librarian in New York City. In 1924 she was granted leave to come to Tuskegee to organize the library service at the year old Veterans Administration Hospital where she served as chief librarian until her death. Dr. Delaney was widely known as a pioneer in the field of bibliotherapy and has been nationally and internationally honored for her work as a librarian. She was one of the South's distinguished collectors of stamps and antiques. The body will lie in state at the Veterans Administration Rep.

reation Building from noon until 2 p.m. after which it will be carried to Andrews Episcopalian Church to lie in state from 2:30 p.m. until the funeral at 3:30 p.m. with the pastor officiating. Survivors are the widower, Rudicel Delaney, Tuskegee Institute; one daughter, Mrs. Grace Hooks, Philadelphia, Pa.; two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Franklin, Tuskegee Institute; Mrs. Florence Cary, New York City, N.Y. The Peoples Funeral Home directing.

Tuskegee VA  
Chief Librarian  
Dies At Age 69

TUSKEGEE — The chief librarian at the Tuskegee Veterans Administration Hospital since 1924, Dr. Sadie Peterson Delaney, died Sunday at her home. She was 69.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Mrs. Delaney had served as a librarian in New York City for many years before coming to the VA hospital here.

She was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree by Atlanta University in 1950 and in 1956 received the VA award for outstanding contributions in the rehabilitation of patients in bibliotherapy.

Dr. Delaney was well-known both for her work in libraries and for her collections of antiques and stamps.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE  
JUDKINS, Melvin, a retired employee of the Veterans Hospital, died Wednesday night from an auto accident. Funeral plans will be announced. Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Lillie Judkins, Tuskegee Institute; two sons, Robert L., Tuskegee Institute, Melvin, Detroit, Mich., three daughters, Mrs. Clara Hardy and Mrs. Gladys Emerson Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Lillie M. Woodard, Atlanta, Ga.; 13 grandchildren. The Peoples Funeral Home in charge.

DILLARD, infant, died in a local hospital Wednesday night. Funeral today at 4 p.m. from the graveside. Survivors are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard. The Peoples Funeral Home in charge.

TUSKEGEE  
CRAVENS, Edward H. Jr., retired pharmacist at the Veterans Hospital at Tuskegee died Monday afternoon. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 8 a.m. from Bower Methodist Church. The pastor the Rev. Norwood, will officiate. Interment will be at 4:30 p.m. at Chattanooga National Cemetery. Survivors include his wife Mrs. Magie Cravens of Tuskegee Institute; one daughter, Sister Mary Casildin, A.P., Mrs. Chloe Santos; one brother, Thirkield Cravens. There are two grandsons and other relatives surviving. Peoples Funeral Home will direct.

# TUSKEGEE'S LIBRARIAN OF HOSPITAL IS DEAD

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For her work in the field of bibliotherapy, she has been internationally and nationally honored. Her excellence in pioneer work in this area of library science has been acclaimed by the administrative heads of VA hospitals throughout the country.

## COLLECTED STAMPS

Dr. Delaney was one of the South's most distinguished collectors of stamps and antiques. China and glass were among her special interests in collector's items.

For her many accomplishments, she has been honored by many institutions, women's groups and civic and Greek letter organizations.

Dr. Delaney was an honorary member of Lambda Chapter of Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, and was recently named "Woman of the Year" of the Southern Region.

## SURVIVORS

Survivors include her husband Rudical Delaney; one daughter. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)



DR. SADIE DELANEY

Mrs. Grace Hooks of Philadelphia, a niece, Miss Gertrude Franklin and two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Franklin of Tuskegee and Mrs. Florence Carey of New York. Dr. Florence Carey of New York. Dr. Delaney was a member of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church at Tuskegee Institute. The funeral rites will be held Tuesday afternoon, May 6, at 3:30 p.m.

(Messages may be sent to Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, and the family has requested that no flowers be sent but contributions may be made to the established Memorial Fund.)

## Dr. DeLaney Succumbs At Tuskegee

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Survivors include her widower, Rudical Delaney; one daughter, Mrs. Grace Hooks of Philadelphia; a niece, Miss Gertrude Franklin, and two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Franklin of Tuskegee and Mrs. Florence Carey of New York.

### ROSS CLAYTON FUNERAL HOME

B. C. L. & A. L. L.

DRAKE, Mrs. Wilma L., died Friday. Funeral plans will be announced. Survivors are the husband, John L. Drake, a brother, Fred L. Richardson, the Hebrew Funeral Home in charge.

# Dr. Sadie Delaney Dies;

## Tuskegee VA Librarian

Mrs. Wilma Drake

To Be Buried In

Opelika, Alabama

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Survivors include her husband Rudical Delaney; one daughter, Mrs. Grace Hooks of Philadelphia; a niece, Miss Gertrude Franklin and two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Franklin of Tuskegee and Mrs. Florence Carey of New York.

Dr. Delaney was a member of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church at Tuskegee Institute.

## TUSKEGEE

MAHONE, Dr. Loniel Atticus, died suddenly early Monday morning. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. from the Recreation Building at the V.A. Hospital. Father Boyton will officiate. Burial will be in Lincoln Cemetery, Chicago, Ill. McKenzie's Funeral Home direction. Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Anne S. Mahone; four daughters, Misses Anne, Marie, Barbara and Paula Mahone; two brothers, I. R. Mahone and M. A. Mahone, Chicago, Ill.; aunt, Mrs. Louis McNeal, St. Paul, Minn. The body will be shipped to Chicago, Ill., Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Mahone was a surgeon at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Tuskegee.

## TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

DUNHAM, Royal, superintendent of Institute construction, Tuskegee Institute, died in a local hospital Sunday afternoon. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday from the Presbyterian Church with the pastor officiating. Survivors are the widow Mrs. L. H. Dunham, Tuskegee Institute; one son, Royal Benjamin Jr., Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.; one daughter, Miss Sylvie Dunham, Columbia University, New York City, N.Y.; two brothers, Johnie Frank, Montclair, N.J.; Herman Dunham, Tuskegee Institute; five sisters, Mrs. Aquilla Robinson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. Gladys Hunter, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Bernice Moton, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Brookside Davis, Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. Sallie Mae Jenkins, Jamaica, N.Y.; several nieces and nephews. Burial will be in Albany, Ga. The Peoples Funeral Home in charge.

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# MARY BEARD DIES, NOTED HISTORIAN

*Times*  
Author With Late Husband  
of Books on Development  
of American Society

~~P 17C~~

Special to The New York Times.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 14—Mary R. Beard, who, with her husband, the late Dr. Charles A. Beard, spent a lifetime in the collaborative authorship of books on American history, died here Thursday after a long illness. She was 87 years old.

*Husband Died in 1948*

In 1927 their "The Rise of American Civilization," a two-in volume history, appeared. In 1944, after having given their timism time to ripen and to alter, they published a "Basic History of the United States." In between, their lives were rich with intellectual endeavor and the respect of the American academic community.

Dr. Beard died in September, 1948. Mrs. Beard lived for seven of her widowed years in New Milford, Conn. She went to Arizona in 1955 for a visit, but illness kept her there.

Mrs. Beard was especially active in the scholarly pursuit of the nature of women—a pursuit that has enchanted but frustrated scholarly males through most of history.

"It would seem," she once wrote, "that if there is in all history any primordial force, that force is woman—continuer, protector, preserver of life, instinctive, active, thoughtful, ever bringing thought back from sterile speculation to the center of life and work."

Mrs. Beard was no ardent feminist. Stereotypes and set-jawed crusades were as foreign to her thought as the notion that woman was merely "wife, drudge or plaything."

## Compiled Women's Writings

"America Through Women's Eyes," published in 1933, was a compilation of the writings of American women from the Colonial period through the optimistic Nineteen Twenties. Through 558 pages, the women of the infant and young America showed their part in the glories and excesses of the new society.

The point was, women could

## ARIZONA

be praised for and charged with place in art and metaphysics, some of what had happened. They hadn't just sat around knitting samplers and bearing offspring while the men wrote history in blood and blunders.

"The first sharp distinction between animals and the human race," Mrs. Beard declared,

"was made by woman when she started industries and agriculture during the cave years."

In "The Rise of American Civilization" the Beards stood skeptical of the general American faith in unlimited progress, eternal invention and the ever-widening distribution of the fruits of civilization.

In 1939, in their "America in Midpassage" the Beards betrayed a deepening faith in the processes of American democracy. Since a depression had intervened, and since they were

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Again and again, Mrs. Beard addressed distinguished and learned societies on the importance of turning up the women under the dead leaves of history.

Mrs. Beard was born in Indianapolis. She was a graduate of DePauw University in 1897 and proceeded to post-graduate work at Columbia University. She and Dr. Beard were married in March, 1900.

Among the many books she authored or co-authored were "A Short History of the American Labor Movement," published in 1920; "On Understanding Women," 1931, and "The American Spirit," written with her husband in 1942.

She is survived by a son, William of Scottsdale; a daughter, Mrs. Alfred Vagts of Sherman, Conn., and three grandchildren, Detlev Vagts of 444 East Fifty-eighth Street, New York, and Mr. Beard's son, Wayne, and daughter, Arlene.

In 1946, she wrote "Woman as a Force in History. A Study in Traditions and Realities."

In 1950, Mrs. Beard spoke her last publicly recorded appeal for a recognition of women's

war and medicine.

Then she turned to remembrances of a man, her husband, Dr. Beard. Out of them came, "The Making of Charles A. Beard," published in 1955. There had been in his life, too, a woman.

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ARKANSAS

# Death Claims Well known

# Hold Rites For Arkansas Pioneer

## Little Rock Businessman

John Hamilton McConico, 2220 Park street, died at his home Tuesday morning, January 7, following an illness of several

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Company.

### Organizer of State NAACP State Pres Taken by Death

29 Dr. William Marcus Taylor, organizer of the State Conference of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people, died March 13 following an extended illness. He was a native of Palestine, Texas, where he received his formal scholastic training. He began teaching at the age of sixteen and attended Bishop college on week-ends. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Guadalupe college from which Masonic services were held at he graduated with honors. From Dubisson Chapel funeral home. Final rites were held at Bethel AME church, Rev. Rufus K. Young officiating.

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Dr. Taylor was called to Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Freda Mae

he served as pastor, in some of

the largest churches of Texas and

Oklahoma. He formerly pastored

the Gospel Temple Baptist church

in Little Rock. He was pioneer in

Hargon, Cincinnati, Ohio; and

many instances, having established

Marion C. Wilson, Ottawa, Canada.

Mr. McConico was identified with the Mosaic Templers of America, as state and national auditor from 1910 to 1931. Later he was prominent in religious and fraternal activities. At the time of his death he was identified with the following organizations:

Trustee of Mt. Zion Baptist church, secretary of Dubisson Insurance Association; secretary of many local chapters of the Na-

Wonders State No. 478 Order of Knights of Pythians, Trinity Masonic Lodge No. 33, J. L. H. Smith Consistory No 7 Order of Shrines Mohammed Temple, and a charter member of Pi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mattie Keith McConico, and one

daughter, Mrs. Gwendolyn Mc-

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Carolina Franklin Brown, owner and operator of the Victory Package store, died last week at his home, 1019 Cross st.

in-law. Rev. E. C. Dyer; two nephews, Frank L. Taylor, Los Angeles; George Sainsbury, Stafford, Texas; one niece, Mrs. Naomi Freeman, San Diego, Calif.; and

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A lifelong resident of Little Rock, he was son of the late Atty. L. and Mrs. Victoria Carolina Brown. He was a graduate of Philander Smith college and Wilberforce college, Zenia, Ohio, where he received his degree in business administration.

He was the maternal grandson of the late Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Carolina, pioneers of religious and fraternal organizations in Arkansas. Mr. Brown was a member of Bethel AME church since childhood. *Jan 3 1958* Fraternal and civic activities in

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Alpha fraternity; an organizer and

teaching at the age of sixteen

member of the Pan Hellenic Coun-

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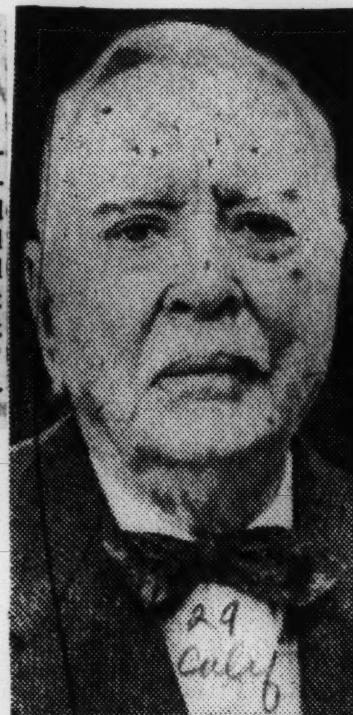
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## Rites Held For Denver Poet Song Composer

LOS ANGELES, March 22 (AP) — Funeral services were conducted Saturday for Mrs. Margaret Sanford Neill, 71, former Denver and Chicago newspaper reporter and composer of the songs, "The Last Roundup," "Out Where The West Begins" and "Cowboy's Lullaby." She died Thursday in a Los Angeles hospital.

## LAWRENCE PHIPPS, EX-SENATOR, DIES

*Times 3-25*  
Colorado G.O.P. Leader, 95,  
Was Carnegie Executive  
Before U.S. Steel Merger



Associated Press

Lawrence C. Phipps later selected from the ranks of employees to become partners in his company.

*New York, N.Y.*  
LOS ANGELES, March 22 (AP) — Lawrence C. Phipps, who helped Andrew Carnegie build his steel company and later served two terms in the United States Senate from Colorado, died last night at the age of 95. First entering public life through the Red Cross, Mr. Phipps became particularly active during World War I. He was recognized as a leader of the conservative faction of the Carnegie company in Pittsburgh as the conservative faction of the 18-year-old mill hand and Republican party in Colorado was one of its top executives long before he ran for the Senate, his first and only election to the United States Steel Company in 1900. Despite his official status as a retired business man, Mr. Phipps acquired a financial interest in many concerns after moving to Colorado. Notable among these were the Denver and Salt Lake Railway and the California Electric Power Company, which was organized to bring electricity to the Nevada gold fields and is now a major southern California utility.

Elected to the Senate in 1918, Mr. Phipps was re-elected in 1924. Federal aid for highway construction and the building of the Hoover Dam were two of the programs he was closely identified with during his Senate career. *Mon 3-3-58*

Retiring at the end of his second term in 1931, Mr. Phipps since then had devoted himself to his wide-ranging business investments and his large family. Until recently he was an ardent golfer, hunter and fisherman, and had bred cattle at his ranch in Wagon Wheel Gap, Colo.

Mr. Phipps, who was born in Amityville, Pa., the son of a Methodist minister, started with Carnegie at \$30 a month. He was one of several promising young men the steel official

### Coined Hoover Slogan

Mr. Phipps supplied the slogan for the Presidential campaign of Herbert Hoover in 1928. It was: "Prosperity is the sole issue of this campaign."

For many years a Republican National Committeeman from Colorado, Mr. Phipps was a member of the party's policy committee. He was chairman of the Senate Post Office Committee and in 1930 was one of the three wealthiest men in the Senate.



DR. W. M. THOMAS  
... San Francisco leader dies  
—E. F. Joseph photo

## Dr. Thomas, Frisco Civic Leader, Dies

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Dr. William McKinley Thomas, 54, one of this city's outstanding

citizens, died unexpectedly of a heart condition here last week.

A staunch fighter for minority rights, Dr. Thomas, in 1946, became the first Negro in the

history of San Francisco to serve in an official capacity with the city.

Mayor Roger Lapham appointed him to a four-year term as a member of the Housing Authority. *Par.*

In 1955, he received another honor when California's Governor Goodwin J. Knight appointed him

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to the State Alcoholic Rehabilitation Commission. *Mon 3-3-58*

Dr. Thomas was a veteran of World War II. He was promoted to the rank of major in 1943.

He is survived by a son, William Mack Thomas, a student at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

## W. M. Thomas, San Francisco Doctor, Dies

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Mar. 24.—

Final rites were held Tuesday for Tuesday, March 11, at the Jones

prominent member of the medical

profession, and a leader in civic, business and political circles of the

Bay Area.

Funeral services were conducted at Jones Methodist church, with

interment in Olivet Memorial

Park, Colma, Calif. Active pall-

bearers were Attorney George

Vaughn, Jefferson A. Beavers,

Harold Jenkins, Aramis Fouché,

Dr. Herbert Henderson and Dr.

Oscar Daniels.

Survivors in the immediate fam-

ily include his son, William Mc-

Kinley Thomas, Jr., three brothers,

four sisters, other relatives and a

host of friends.

*Mon 3-3-58*

A native of Bryan, Tex., Dr.

Thomas received his training at

Wiley Preparatory school, Wiley

college, Meharry Medical college,

the Harvard School of Public

Health, the Army Field Medical

school and Stanford University

Medical school. He served his in-

ternship at Kansas City (Co.) in city housing projects.

General Hospital No. 2, and in

1932, began general practice in

Leavenworth, Kans.

Dr. Thomas was a leading fig-

ure in Republican circles of Cali-

fornia, and was a delegate to sev-

## Dr. W. McKinley Thomas

## Buried On West Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Dr. William McKinley Thomas, a former Leavenworth, Kas., physician, died of a sudden heart attack at his home here Wednesday evening, March 4. The 64-year-old doctor had been a resident of San Francisco since 1938.

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Tuesday, March 11, at the Jones

Methodist church here.

The physician and surgeon, who

had had a history of heart ail-

ments, collapsed on the stairway

of his home at 2721 Sacramento

St., shortly after dinner. He had

complained earlier to his sister,

Mrs. Irene L. Brown, of uncom-

fortable chest pains.

A native of Bryan, Tex., Dr.

Thomas practiced in Dallas, Tex.

as before moving to Leavenworth,

Kas., where he practiced for a

number of years before coming to

the West Coast.

He came to San Francisco when

he was discharged from the Army

at the close of World War II. He

was a major in the Army Medical

Corps.

In this city, Dr. Thomas was ac-

tive in civic and community ac-

tivities. He became the first Negro

to hold a city office when he was

appointed to the Housing Authority

in 1946 by then Mayor Roger Lap-

ham.

In this capacity, he was an out-

standing champion of de-segregation

and an national convention several times. He was a member and director of the California State Republican Assembly, the California State Republican Central committee and the San Francisco County Central Committee.

Last year, Dr. Thomas was named to the President's National Advisory Council on Mental Health. In January of this year, Dr. Thomas attended the Conference on Minority Community Resources held in Washington at the call of Vice President Nixon.

Dr. Thomas was married to Miss Hortense McClanahan of Leavenworth in 1933. Mrs. Thomas died three years ago in San Francisco. She had been a public school teacher in Leavenworth. She was a sister of Earl McClanahan, 1,100 4th Ave., Leavenworth, and Leonard McClanahan, 607 Pottawatomie, of Leavenworth.

Dr. Thomas is survived by one son, William McKinley Thomas III, a student at Fisk University in Nashville; three brothers, J. L. Thomas of Bryan, Texas; the Rev. Lawrence C. Thomas of Springfield, Ill.; and K. Carl Thomas of San Francisco; four sisters, Mrs. Mabel B. Thomas, Mrs. Lillian Wiley, Mrs. Irene L. Brown and Mrs. Vivian Thomas Starks. Dr. John T. Givens of Norfolk, Va., executive secretary of the National Medical Association, attended the funeral services, representing the medical society.

Burial was in Olivet cemetery. A large crowd of local dignitaries and friends filled the church for the funeral rites.

Francisco Tuberculosis Association

and an official of the National Medical Association. He had also serv-

ed as treasurer of the Trans-Bay

Federation Savings and Loan as-

sociation, was a board member of

the NAACP and was a member of

the legislative committee of the

San Francisco Medical Society and

of the Mt. Zion hospital staff.

Dr. Thomas was active in politi-

cal affairs both in California and in

Kansas. In 1936, he had made the

seconding speech for the nomina-

tion of Governor Alf M. Landon,

Republican presidential nominee.

He was a delegate to the Republi-



MRS. M. E. McPHERSON

## Link Organizer, Mrs. McPherson, Dies in L. A.

LOS ANGELES — Death has claimed one of this country's most beloved pioneer citizens, social and civic leader, with the passing of Mrs. Marion Louise McPherson.

Native Californian, born March 4, 1906, Mrs. McPherson had her roots in Los Angeles where she was born, second daughter of Jonas and Birdie Bright.

She received her A.B. Degree from the University of California, and masters in English and speech from the University of Southern California.

MRS. McPHERSON was the first Negro appointed to a junior high school in Los Angeles and was the first of her race to serve on a committee to draw up a course of study in English for high schools.

It was during this period that she met and married Dr. Henry A. McPherson. From this union came one son, 14-year-old Henry A. Jr. She was a charter member of the League of Allied Arts, assistant organizer of Jack and Jill, Inc., Script and Score. A charter member of the famous Charles

Drew Medical Auxiliary and affiliated with AKA Sorority, she was organizer of the Los Angeles chapter of Links, Inc.

Becoming interested in real estate, she took the brokers' examination, passed and maintained offices with her husband.

## Singer's Chauffeur Is Killed In Crash Commercial Rock And Roller Cooke Hurt In Car-Truck Collision

Special to The Commercial Appeal

MARION, Ark., Nov. 11.—The chauffeur-secretary to Negro rock and roll singer Sam Cooke was killed and Cooke and two band members were injured in a car-truck collision near here Monday night.

Arthur 'Ed' Cunningham, 42, of Los Angeles and Brooklyn died at 10:35 p.m. in Crittenden Memorial Hospital at West Memphis about three hours after the wreck.

The singer, who was asleep on the front seat of the 1958 yellow Cadillac convertible being driven by Cunningham, received only a scratch on his left arm, according to Arkansas State Trooper Willie Hopper, who investigated.

His condition is listed as good at Crittenden Memorial Hospital.

In fair condition in the hospital is Cliff White, 36, of Los Angeles. Louis Rawls, 27, also of Los Angeles, is in serious condition in Kennedy Veterans Hospital at Memphis. Both White and Rawls are members of Cooke's band.

Trooper Hopper said the group was en route from St. Louis to Greenville, Miss., to play an engagement. The accident happened about 7:45 p.m. on Highway 61 about a mile north of Marion.

Trooper Hopper said a tractor-trailer rig, driven by Curtis Henry Shelly, 30, of Memphis, was parked on the right side of the highway with blinker lights flashing.

Mr. Shelly, who was not injured, had stopped behind another truck and both drivers were out of their vehicles.

Mr. Hopper said the left front side of the Cadillac struck the right rear corner of the big truck.

Cooke, whose recording of "You Send Me" is a teenage favorite, has appeared on national television shows, including the Steve Allen Show and the Arthur Murray Show.

# George (Kingfish) Stevens is dead

LOS ANGELES — George Kingfish Stevens is dead.

The famed comic of the Amos and Andy television program—Harry R. Tim Moore—succumbed Saturday at Los Angeles General Hospital at the age of 70.

He had been ill for a long time, and confined since Nov. 4th with advanced pulmonary tuberculosis, a malady that reduced him to a mere 85-pound shell of his once massive frame.

A VETERAN of vaudeville, radio, the movies and TV, Moore was the star of the 79-film Amos and Andy series, a project which netted more than five million dollars to the Columbia Broadcasting System and to the originators Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll.

However, Moore's declining years and the death which came on Saturday, found the aged comedian in virtual poverty. He received the last residual payment on his contract last January. This was a mere \$65.

Because the series wasn't dated it has been run and rerun in this country several times as well as in many foreign countries. Even today it is being carried on TV in over 100 American cities.

MOORE'S DEATH brought an end to 58 years in the entertainment business.

At the age of 12 he left his native Rock Island, Ill., as part of an act billed as "Cora Miskel and her Gold Dust Twins."

Later he was a jockey, a teenage prizefighter and worked at odd jobs and finally returned to vaudeville in 1925.

He played in Blackbirds of '28 on Broadway, traveled with the show in Europe, and returned to the United States in the late 30's to tour as part of the comedy act that appeared with big name bands.

He is survived by his 40-year-old wife, Vivian, whom he married last year eight months after the death of his first wife.

## Kingfish Harry Moore to be buried Saturday

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15—

(AP)—Harry R. (Tim) Moore, 70, Kingfish of the Amos 'n' Andy television series, will be buried next Saturday.

He died Saturday of tuberculosis.

But, as colleague Freeman Gosden put it, "his comedy will carry on."

Seventy-nine TV films in which Moore appeared are rerunning in scores of U. S. cities.

MOORE JOINED Gosden and Charles Correll when they converted from radio to TV. Gosden played both Amos and Kingfish in the original radio series.

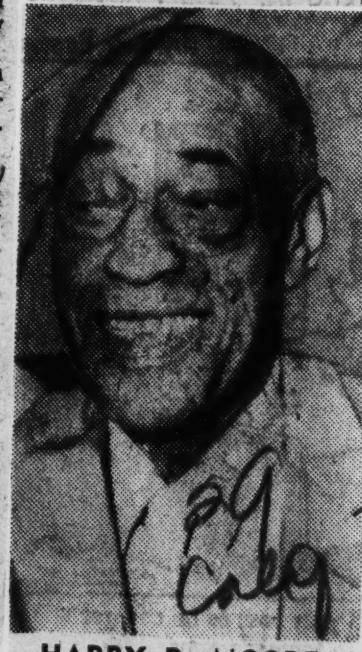
The veteran Negro actor had been a jockey and professional boxer. His last camera appearance was in 1953. Recently he had been master of ceremonies at a Los Angeles night club.

MOORE, AT the age of 12, left his native Rock Island, Ill., to join a vaudeville troupe. He played in "Blackbirds of '28" on Broadway and went through Europe with the show. He returned to the U. S. in the late 30s and toured with a comedy act accompanying name bands.

Last March Moore and his second wife, Vivian, almost

parted in a domestic battle over a roast beef he said Vivian's relatives had eaten. He was jailed for firing a gun—then let off with a suspended \$100 fine.

HE TRIED RETIRING once,



HARRY R. MOORE  
Kingfish on TV



# OBITUARY

## John H. Burr, HU tutor, buried in DC

Sat. 1-18-58

WASHINGTON  
Funeral services for John Harold Burr, 59, for 34 years an athletic coach and physical education department official at Howard University, will be held in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel on the university campus Tuesday (Jan. 16) at 12 o'clock.

University flags have been at half-mast since Mr. Burr's death Thursday night, Jan. 10, at Freedmen's Hospital.

The body will lie in state at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel from 10 to 11:30 this morning.

The Rev. A. F. Elmes, pastor Congregational Church, will deliver the eulogy. Interment will be in Arlington Cemetery.

MR. BURR served for many years as head of the Department of Physical Education at Howard and was acting head of the department at the time of his death.

He was an outstanding coach, producing championship teams in four sports at Howard, and prominent as an official and former president in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Born June 1, 1898 in Springfield, Mass., Mr. Burr attended the public schools in Springfield. He earned a bachelor of arts degree and masters degree in education at Springfield College. He also had done work on his doctorate degree at Columbia University.

HE WAS appointed to the faculty at Howard University in 1923 and had served at the university continuously until his death.

Mr. Burr served as head of the Department of Physical Education at Howard for 11 years.

Since the mid-forties he had devoted his full time at Howard to teaching, but again assumed responsibility as acting head of the department last September.

HE COACHED basketball, baseball, track and field and swimming at Howard and produced CIAA championship teams in each of the sports.

Mr. Burr's basketball teams in the late twenties and early

thirties dominated the CIAA and attracted such wide attention that standing-room-only crowds overtaxed the then new gymnasium on the campus.

Notwithstanding his outstanding success as a coach, he also felt one of the most rewarding endeavors of his work at Howard was his sponsorship of the campus youngsters known as the "Howard Cubs."

Many of the youngsters who were members of the "Howard Cubs" are now grown to manhood and reflect the high ideals he exemplified.

MR. BURR also was a softball and basketball official in scholastic and collegiate ranks, and a member and former president of the Eastern Board of Officials.

He was prominent in the activities of the CIAA and served a three-year term as the association's president.

He was a charter member of the CIAA's basketball tournament committee and instrumental in promotion of the conference tournament in Washington for nine years.

He was a life member of the National Physical Education Association and American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

He also was a member of the College Physical Education Association and the National Intramural Association.

IN COMMUNITY activities, he was an ardent worker with the Twelfth Street YWCA, serving as a member of its board of directors and membership committee.

He was a charter member of the Washington Pigskin Club, member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and worked with the American Red Cross.

Recently, he was the recipient of a 25-year service award from the Red Cross.

For a decade, Mr. Burr served as director of the Camp Atwater at East Brookfield, Mass. He was the first colored official to officiate in the local AAU swimming and track and field meets.

IN SEPTEMBER, 1924, he married the former Sarah Walker of Boston, and they re-

lided in Washington at 760 Fairmont St., NW.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters, Mrs. Margaret B. Harris and Mrs.

terred at 9 a.m. Thursday in Holy Name Church, 11th and K sts. ne., with burial in Arlington Cemetery.



JOHN H. BURR

## J. L. Williams, Internal Revenue Aide

Junius L. Williams, 64, a native of Washington and employee of the Bureau of Internal Revenue for 39 years, died yesterday at his home on 1124 Morse st. ne. after a brief illness.

Mr. Williams served in the Army for three years during World War I. He was a member of the Army-Navy Union, Columbia Lodge No. 85, the Knights of St. John's and the Holy Name Society.

Survivors are his wife, Cora Williams of the home address, four sons, Randolph, of 5317 Clay terr. ne.; Leonard, of 700 Va. ave. se.; Joseph, of 2643 Birney pl. se.; and Clarence, of the home address; and four daughters, Lydia, Audrey and Gloria Williams of the home address, and Delores Dillard of 307 17th st. se.

He also is survived by a brother and four sisters, all of Jamaica, N. Y., and by 23 grandchildren.

A requiem mass will be

## Lillian N. Fitzhugh Dies; Longtime Teacher Here

Lillian Naylor Fitzhugh, retired school teacher and pioneer in the campaign against juvenile delinquency in the District, died Tuesday at her home, 1522 Jackson st. ne. She was 73.

In her 20 years at Randall Junior High School, she worked with so-called "problem" students, seeking to solve problems underlying their misbehavior.

Mrs. Fitzhugh was a native of Washington and was graduated in 1903 from Miner Normal School. She taught at the Reno Elementary School until her marriage in 1908.

She resumed teaching as a substitute in 1924 and, after graduating from Howard University, became a regular teacher at Randall in 1932. She retired in 1952.

Mrs. Fitzhugh was a founder of the Mother-Child Center, an organization formed to care for children of working mothers in the Southwest area. She also was a Board member at the Southwest Community House and a deaconess of the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

While at Randall, Mrs. Fitzhugh was principal of the evening school for several years and director of the community center there. She was one of the first members of the Southwest Neighborhood Council and a Board member of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA.

Survivors include her husband, William H. of the home address, a former Department of Agriculture employee; a son, H. Naylor Fitzhugh, a professor at Howard University, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be

held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1225 R st. nw. Burial will be at the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

## Funeral Services Held For Mother Of James Evans

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie C. Evans, mother of James C. Evans, civilian assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, Personnel and Reserve, were held from the McGuire Funeral Home Friday. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Evans, the widow of the late Rev. J. P. Evans, pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., died here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ruby P. Washington, January 5.

In addition to Mrs. Washington and Mr. Evans, surviving Mrs. Evans are another son, Rev. George H. Evans of Greensboro, N. C., three grandchildren, two sisters and a brother. She was 81.

## Funeral Services Held For Editor

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — Funeral services for Henry P. Slaughter, 87, editor of the Odd Fellows Journal from 1910 until it ceased publication in 1937, were held Tuesday from the McGuire Funeral Home.

Mr. Slaughter died Feb. 14 at his home here.

Mr. Slaughter had a lifelong hobby of collecting books and acquired one of the most complete collections on the progress of colored people. The collection is now housed in the library of Atlanta University.

In recognition of his work in eliminating second-class citizenship, the family requested friends to send

donations to the District of Columbia Branch of the NAACP instead of flowers.

(Born in Louisville, Ky., Mr. Slaughter came to Washington in 1896 to accept appointment in the Government Printing Office. He retired from the job in 1937. Last year he was honored as a 60-year member of the Typographical Union.

In 1899 he received a bachelor's degree in law from Howard University and a year later earned his master's degree.

## CHRYSLER, FORD BALK

Join G.M. in Refusing Reuther Arbitration Proposal

Special to The New York Times.

DETROIT, May 13—The Chrysler Corporation and the Ford Motor Company rejected Tuesday the United Auto Workers proposal for arbitration of economic issues in negotiations for a new contract.

John D. Leary, Chrysler vice president in charge of personnel, said arbitration would result in an outside panel "assuming the prerogatives of management."

Walter P. Reuther, head of the union, made the proposal Saturday to Chrysler, Ford and the General Motors Corporation. General Motors immediately rejected it.

Mr. Leary, in a letter to Mr. Reuther, repeated Chrysler's offer to extend the present contract two years.

## THOMAS L. STOKES, Newspaper Columnist, 59, Dies

Columnist Who Worked in Capital 37 Years Won Pulitzer Prize in 1938

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 14—

Thomas L. Stokes Jr., a Washington columnist for United Features Syndicate since 1944, died here today of a brain tumor at the Washington Medical Center. He was 59 years old.

Mr. Stokes, a 1938 Pulitzer Prize-winner, had had a long and distinguished career here as a press association reporter, newspaper correspondent and columnist.

Earlier this year he received a special citation from the Raymond Clapper Memorial Association for the "unvarying high standards" of his newspaper work. He had won the Raymond Clapper Award in 1947 for general excellence in Washington reporting and crusading.

Surviving are his widow, Hannah, and a son, Thomas Lunsford Stokes 3d.

Held in High Regard

Mr. Stokes, by a well-nigh universal opinion of his col-

leagues, including those who differed with him, was a reporter with a consistently good record for hard, intelligent and conscientious work. In the course of his career he had covered every beat in the capital and had roamed throughout the country.

He was born in Atlanta on Nov. 1, 1898, the son of Thomas Lunsford Stokes and the former Emma Layton. His father was part owner of a department store. On both sides he was descended from colonial families.

Working his way through the University of Georgia, Mr. Stokes was a library news correspondent for The Atlanta Constitution and the old Georgian. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1920 after three years' study, winning a Phi Beta Kappa key.

For a year, Mr. Stokes worked on three Georgia newspapers, The Savannah Press, The Macon News and The Athens Herald. Then he borrowed \$200 from his father to try to break into the New York press. He got no farther north than Washington. There, at The United Press, he found a job taking dictation over the telephone from reporters.

Soon he became a reporter himself and covered, in succession, Congress, various Government departments and the White House, as well as the Presidential campaigns of 1924, 1928 and 1932. He also served as a copy editor.

### Disillusioned With G. O. P.

A liberal, disillusioned with Republican conservatives, Mr. Stokes greeted the Franklin D. Roosevelt era with enthusiasm. His dispatches caught and communicated the early spirit of the New Deal, particularly of the first "hundred days" of national unity in 1933. This won for him appointment in August of that year as Washington correspondent of The New York World-Telegram, a key paper of the Scripps-Howard chain.

Mr. Stokes came to look more soberly at the New Deal, partly as a result of his own investigations that showed that its idols had feet of clay. He was advanced in 1936 to Washington correspondent of the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance, reporting general politics, the national conventions and the Presidential campaigns.

One of his investigations won him the Pulitzer Prize for "the most distinguished reporting" of 1938. At the suggestion of an editor, he was sent into Ken-

tucky to inquire into reports that the Works Progress Administration, a New Deal agency to provide work relief for the unemployed, had been turned by politicians into a vote-getting machine.

Mr. Stokes traveled 1,400 miles, interviewing dozens of officials, politicians and relief workers. He piled up affidavits to support a conclusion that W. P. A. in Kentucky was "a grand political racket in which the taxpayer is the victim." He reported his findings in a series that ran 10,000 words.

### Won Large Following

This type of reporting won him a large following of readers and a growing appreciation among his colleagues. In 1944 The Saturday Review of Literature polled 160 Washington correspondents on, among other things, "The Washington correspondent who does the best all-round job as measured in terms of reliability, fairness, ability to analyze the news."

Mr. Stokes received the largest number of votes, twenty-five, and Marquis Childs, another newspaper man, had twenty-three. All the others received eight or less.

After his association with Scripps-Howard, Mr. Stokes shifted to the United Features Syndicate as a columnist in December, 1944. In a few years more than 100 newspapers were taking his column.

In 1947 Mr. Stokes began a feud with Scripps-Howard that lost him a dozen of his clients. At his expressed desire, some dropped the column. The World-Telegram and Sun was his outlet in New York until a few years ago, when The Post acquired the rights. Mr. Stokes won the Page One Award for Journalism of the Newspaper Guild of New York in 1949.

His autobiography, "Chip Off My Shoulder," was published in 1940. "The Savannah," study of the Savannah River as the heartstream of the old South, appeared in 1951. Mr. Stokes was an occasional contributor to The New York Times Book Review and other periodicals.

D.C.

## Thomas L. Stokes Is Dead; Atlanta-Born Columnist, 59

WASHINGTON (AP)—Thomas L. Stokes, 59, nationally known columnist and a Washington newspaperman for almost 40 years, died of a brain tumor Wednesday in the Washington Hospital Center. He was a native of Atlanta.

The lanky Southerner worked for the United Press and later for the Scripps-Howard Syndicate as

Washington correspondent for the New York World-Telegram before starting his column in 1948. The column was distributed to more than 100 newspapers by the United Features Syndicate.

Stokes column was carried for many years in The Constitution. This newspaper was one of the original subscribers to the column.

Funeral services will be held at the Washington Cathedral Friday with burial later in Arlington National Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, the former Hannah Hunt of Washington, and a son, Thomas Lunsford Stokes III, also of Washington.

Stokes won a Pulitzer prize in 1938 for a series of articles he wrote about federal relief fund scandals in Kentucky. He also won a Raymond Clapper Memorial award in 1947. He wrote two books, "Chip Off My Shoulder" (1940), and "The Savannah," one of a series on American rivers (1951).

He was president of the Gridiron Club in 1950. Members of the club will attend the funeral services.

Stokes, who was born in Atlanta on Nov. 1, 1898, was the son of the late Thomas L. Stokes Sr., who helped found Davison, Paxon & Stokes, the forerunner of Davison-Paxon Co.

Stokes was graduated from old Boys High School in Atlanta and from the University of Georgia, where he won Phi Beta Kappa honors. He was a member of ATO frat.

While in college, he served as a correspondent for The Atlanta

Journal and later covered general assignments for The Journal and the old Atlanta Georgian.

Stokes also was a reporter for the Athens Banner-Herald, the Savannah Press and the Macon News before joining the Washington bureau of United Press in 1921.

### William S. Baker Sr.

Funeral services for William S. Baker Sr., 73, were held Thursday at Tabor Presbyterian Church, 150 S st. nw.

Mr. Baker, a native of Richmond, lived at 60 Randolph pl. nw. He served in the dining service of both the Reading and Pennsylvania Railroads for more than 25 years. He came to Wash-

ington in 1947 and was head waiter at the Andrews Air Force Base officers mess for two years. He also was employed at O'Donnell's Seafood Grill and Restaurant for nine years.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; three children, Mrs. Wilhelmina Spey, William S. Jr., and Juanita Mae of Washington; a sister, Mrs. Susie Storer of Richmond, and three brothers, Edward A. of Delco, Roscoe of Richmond, and Clarence S. of Washington.

### Dr. T. A. Williston Buried in D. C.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Funeral services for Dr. Thomas A. Williston, Washington physician, were held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Dr. Williston, 51, died in New York after a long illness.

He is survived by his widow, Carol, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Williston.

# Rev. Luther Crichlow Washington Post Herald Of Seventh Day Baptist

*Washington D.C.*  
The Rev. Luther W. Crichlow, long-time Army chaplain and pastor of the People's Seventh Day Baptist Church at 10th and V sts. nw., died Sunday at Washington Hospital Center. He was 48.

*Born in Yazoo City, Miss.*  
Born in Yazoo City, Miss., Mr. Crichlow earned his bachelor of arts degree at Howard University and his bachelor of divinity degree at Alfred University in New York. During World War II he served as an Army chaplain overseas and was a chaplain in the Army Reserve until his death. He also served as a

missionary in Jamaica and the British West Indies.

Surviving are his wife Martha Archer Crichlow of the home address, 1455 W st nw.; his father and mother Cyril A. and Lillian W. Crichlow, and two brothers, Martin A. and Allwin, all of Washington.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a. m. today at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, 15th and M sts. nw., with burial in Arlington Cemetery.



*Wash. D. C.*  
Girard W. Edmunds, 62, personal assistant to nine Secretaries of Agriculture, died Wednesday morning after a long illness at his home, 919 Westminister st. nw.

Mr. Edmunds was given the Department of Agriculture Superior Service Award in 1957. The citation read in part, "in rec-

ognition of continuous, efficient, faithful and courteous service over many years to nine Secretaries of Agriculture." *Mar. 6-1938*

Mr. Edmunds, a native of Washington, began his 42-year period of service with the Department in October, 1916, as a laborer. During World War I he served with the U. S. Army, returning to the Department in 1918. *2*

In 1923, he was assigned to the Secretary's Office, then occupied by Henry C. Wallace, as personal assistant.

Mr. Edmunds was a member of the American Legion and a parishioner of St. Augustine Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite E. Edmunds, and a daughter, Gloria E. Carter, of Plainfield, N. J. Burial will be in Arlington Cemetery.



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In 1923, he was assigned to the Secretary's Office, then occupied by Henry C. Wallace, as personal assistant.

Mr. Edmunds was a member of the American Legion and a parishioner of St. Augustine Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite E. Edmunds, and a daughter, Gloria E. Carter, of Plainfield, N. J. Burial will be in Arlington Cemetery.

# Mrs. Hamilton; Civic Leader

*Past & Times Herald.*  
*Washington, D.C.*

Julia West Hamilton, a leader in church and civic organizations of the Negro community here since the 1890s, died Saturday of pneumonia in Freedmen's Hospital. She was 91. *B2*



JULIA WEST HAMILTON

"We are mere servants of Christ, working together toward one common end," Mrs. Hamilton believed. One of the founders of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, she was president of that association for nearly 30 years. *Mon 5/24/58*

Mrs. Hamilton had been a member of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church for 70 years and was chairman of its trustee board.

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"Please don't give people

the idea that I'm the whole show," Mrs. Hamilton once told a reporter to write about her achievements. Throughout a long life she held to the idea of "working together toward one common end." The woman who accomplished all these things was the daughter of South Carolina slaves. Her father, Thomas W. West, was taught to read by his owner's daughter. When the Civil War broke out, he was able to read about it, and ran away to join the Union Navy.

Later the family moved to Washington when Julia West was 12. For 40 years, along with her other activities, she worked with a women's group serving Union veterans of the Civil War.

She and her husband, the late John Alexander Hamilton, brought up three children. One of them is Col.

West A. Hamilton, a member of the District Board of Education. Another is Percival Y. Hamilton, in the printing business here. The third is Mrs. Foster B. Pettie, a former District school teacher and now the wife of a New York physician.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, 1518 M st. nw, with burial in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

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## Dr. Jernagin buried

*AFRO-AMERICAN*  
*Baltimore, Md.*

(See photos on Page 18)

WASHINGTON

The Rev. William Henry Jernagin, 88, died Monday in Miami Beach Hospital following an operation.

His funeral, one of the largest held in Washington, was held Tuesday, at 12 noon, at his church, Mount Carmel Baptist, which he has headed since 1912 — a period of 40 years.

He was buried in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, of which he was an official.

**DR. JERNAGIN**, in addition to his duties as pastor, was a fraternal leader, a Sunday school leader, and was one of the foremost social thinkers of our time.

Like the late Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, the Rev. Mr. Jernagin was a leader in the battle for his people to gain racial equality in Washington. He played an initial role in the fight which ended racial discrimination in the Thompson Restaurant case, at the Capitol Theatre and in other important cases.

His trip to Ghana, Africa, last March, to make a presentation to the prime minister

at the birth of the Gold Coast republic, marked his 24th crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.

WITH HIM AT his death was his second wife, Mrs. Cordelia Woolfolk Jernagin, whom he married in 1947.

Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Lottie R. Adams of 149 Randolph Pl., NW, and Mrs. Gertrude J. Swancy of 211 R St., NW, and a number of nieces and nephews, including the Rev. Percy J. Jernagin, an assistant pastor of Mount Carmel Church.

The Rev. Mr. Jernagin wrote the AFRO a letter which appeared in last Friday's paper. In the letter he stated he was at Miami Beach in an endeavor to regain his health. He stated

that "the yellow jaundice — although greatly improved — still remains."

*Sat 3-1-58*

**DURING HIS EARLY** years in his native Marshallville, Miss., he came to be known as "the fastest cotton chopper around."

After attending Meridian Academy, Alcorn A. and M. College and Jackson College at Jackson, Miss., he embarked upon a teaching career, spending five days a week in the classroom and one in the pulpit.

After five years he abandoned the teaching career to devote his full time to the ministry.

**IN 1905** he accepted the pastorate of his first large church, Tabernacle Baptist in Oklahoma City, Okla., where he soon became known as "the fighting parson," as a result of his championship of human and civil rights.

An organizer of the Constitutional League, the Rev. Mr. Jernagin was a leader in the fight against Jim Crow laws which were enacted when Oklahoma became a state in 1907. As a result of his battle the Supreme Court outlawed the infamous "grandfather clause" in 1915.

His successful challenge of Oklahoma's Jim Crow laws was but the first of many court battles in the field of civil rights embarked upon by the Rev. Mr. Jernagin.

One of these was the celebrated Thompson Restaurant Case, which led to the resurrection and renewed enforcement of the District of Columbia's "lost" civil rights laws.

Dr. Jernagin also played a major role in the outlawing of Jim Crow rail transportation laws, becoming a plaintiff with Ralph Matthews, Washington AFRO-AMERICAN editor, and William J. Scott, AFRO photographer, in one of the earliest test cases which challenged the legality of forcing colored reserved seat passengers into Jim Crow coaches south of

Washington.

FROM HIS arrival in Washington in 1912 to accept the pastorate of Mount Carmel Baptist Church until shortly before his death, he was a frequent visitor to Capitol Hill, where he appeared before countless congressional committees as a witness for legislation which would strengthen the social, political or economic

position of his people.

In 1916 he became one of the founders of the National Race Congress, an organization devoted to the temporal welfare of the group, and the National Sunday School and BTU Congress, devoted to the spiritual.

During World War I he preached to American soldiers in France, and more than a generation later at the age of 75, he traveled more than 35,000 miles on a U.S. Navy goodwill tour to speak to another generation of fighting men in the Southwest Pacific during World War II.

**HE SERVED** for 31 years as president of the two million-member National Baptist Training Union Congress, youth auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; was chairman of the board of the 14 - denomination Fraternal Council of Churches and chairman of the board of trustees of Washington Baptist Seminary.

He was the holder of honorary degrees from Howard University, Simmons University, Louisville, Ky., and Guadalupe College, Sequin, Texas, as well as scores of citations for religious and public service.

A staunch believer in physical fitness, the Rev. Mr. Jernagin exercised systematically during the last three decades of his life and followed a strict vegetarian diet, to which he attributed his vigorous longevity and said that he hoped it would enable him to live to be 120.

"Diet, rest and a purposeful life to help others," was his formula.

"I warn you," he declared at his last National BTU Congress in 1957, "that the day of freedom, justice and fair play will come. It is in the economy of God ... Justice is on the march with leaden feet which slows her pace—but she is coming."

That was his conviction. Let it be his epitaph.

# Dr. William H. Jernagin

(AN EDITORIAL)

Dr. William H. Jernagin, who died in Miami Monday, was often referred to as the oldest active pastor in Washington.

To those who knew this tireless minister this allusion was more rhetoric than factual because in vision, outlook and boundless energy he was much younger than many men half his age.

Baltimore, Md.  
Born in Mashulaville, Miss., 88 years ago where he was denied schooling in his early years, he lifted himself by his own bootstraps to a place of eminence in his chosen profession and attained international fame as a preacher, pastor, and leader in religion and fighter for civil rights.

As president of the National Baptist Training Union Congress for 33 years, he helped prepare thousands for religious usefulness in his own denomination. His influence transcended this field as he was one of the guiding lights in the work of the Fraternal Council of Churches.

He also made his influence felt on the world scene, having made several trips to the war zones to preach to the soldiers and to look after the interests of our boys in the far-flung corners of the world.

He served as a delegate to the independence celebration in Ghana last year.

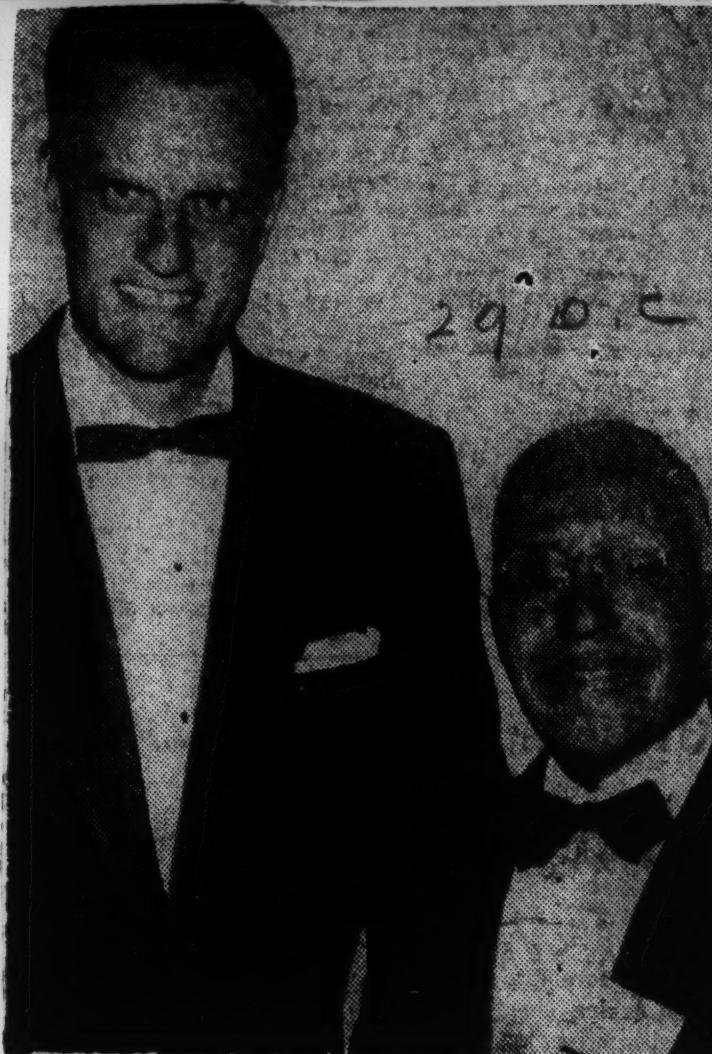
A lasting monument to his courage will be the wiping out of segregation in the public establishments in Washington. Although many, for partisan political advantage, are vociferous in giving credit for this accomplishment to the Eisenhower administration, full credit for this should be given to Dr. Jernagin and the late Mary Church Terrell, who underwent the indignity of police arrest in order to carry a test case to the Supreme Court.

The Eisenhower administration came into power just as their case, after years of struggle, reached culmination, abolishing segregation in the capital.

It would be a black mark on our leadership to rob these fine old gladiators of their due credit for a battle well fought.

Dr. Jernagin often boasted that through his strict diet practices he hoped to live to be 120. He died at the age of 88, but his boast was not entirely empty. What he missed in years he made up for in spiritual values and he actually crowded 120 years of service to humanity in the time allotted to him.

His passing will be a great loss to the church, to the community, to the race and to the world.



**PRESENTED AWARD**—In 1957 Dr. Jernagin and the Rev. Billy Graham were presented the awards of Clergymen of the Year and honorary life membership certificates by the Washington Pilgrimage, a religious and cultural heritage society, at its 7th annual meeting.

# Dr. Micajah T. Walker, 69, D. C. Physician 38 Years

Dr. Micajah T. Walker, 69, a Washington physician since 1920, died here yesterday.

He was national medical director of the Shriners' Tuberculosis and Cancer Research Foundation, Inc., until his retirement recently, and had maintained a general practice in medicine since graduation from Howard University College of Medicine.

Dr. Walker lived at 100 R street, N.W. At the time of his death he was also a member of the American Legion and the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. He held the Distinguished Service Award of his fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma.

He also held memberships in the Pigskin Club and the Elks. He served in the Army in World War I.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Isabelle M. Walker of the same address; two daughters, Mrs. Marguerite W. Stewart of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. Elizabeth W. Reeves of Wash-

ington; a son, Micajah T. Walker, Jr., of Washington, and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, 1630 Vermont avenue N.W. Burial arrangements are incomplete.

Born in Washington, Mr. Green was a graduate of Miner Normal College.

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## Dr. Jernagin, National Baptist Leader, Passes

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Funeral services for Dr. W. H. Jernagin, president of the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, and pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church here, will be held in the church at 12 o'clock Feb. 25.

Dr. Jernagin died Tuesday morning in a Miami, Fla., hospital at the age of 88. It was reported that he had been ill on several occasions during the past year and had gone to the Miami hospital for a rest several days before his death.

The noted minister was a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and of the World Council of Churches.

He had served as president of the Congress for 32 years, and under his leadership the organization grew into one of the largest youth movements in the nation. He recently toured abroad in the interest of denominational work.

On his 88th birthday, Dr. Jernagin was honored in a testimonial service for his 75 years as a Christian, 65 years in pastoral service, and 44 years as the head of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

He recently conducted the mid-Tuesday at Casualty Hospital, winter Board meeting held at Hotel

Springs, Ark., at which time a report was given by the inspection committee which had visited Omaha, Neb., the meeting place of the 1958 Congress session.

Among the survivors are his wife and children.

## Herman L. Scott lauded Afro-American for nobility of mind'

WASHINGTON

Funeral services for Herman L. Scott, of 724 Madison St., NW, were held Monday at Mt. Airy Baptist Church.

Mr. Scott, a U.S. Senate Library clerk, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

The Rev. Clarence M. Long Jr. who delivered the eulogy said the deceased made friends in all areas in which he worked.

Also the Rev. Mr. Long acknowledged Mr. Scott's work in church and fraternal affairs as "real and lasting."

MR. SCOTT succumbed last Tuesday at Casualty Hospital, one day after his 47th birthday.

Redemption Lodge No. 24 of which Mr. Scott was a past master said he "possessed nobility of mind and soul that endeared him to all."

An Armstrong High graduate (Class of 1929), Mr. Scott was a whiz at golf.

He was president of the Royal Golf Club and a member of the Eastern Golf Association.

Survivors of the World War II veteran are his mother, Mrs. Emma L. Scott; two brothers, Robert L. and Charles E. Sr.; a grandfather, two uncles, three aunts, three great-aunts, four nephews, six nieces, eight cousins and two sisters-in-law.

## Dr. W. H. Jernagin

The passing of Dr. W. H. Jernagin in Washington, D. C., a few days ago removes from the world scene a powerful religious leader. His 88 years marked an era of accomplishment and rigid endeavor for the uplift of all people.

Coming up from the bottom rung of the latter, and having acquired his education for the most part in that handicap common to pioneer Negro education, he was able to prove the kind of steel that ran down his spine.

He accepted a call to the ministry early in life; all over the country his voice has been heard declaring the truth among the children of men.

His training, industry and rugged integrity so endeared him to his brethren, that he was able to break an all-time record in the office of president of the National Baptist Convention.

In this office he had a larger sphere in which to demonstrate his courage and leadership. Here he wrought in defense of truth and justice and will be felt for many a decade for his forthrightness and consistency in the principles of fair play and common justice toward all men.

He was on the Executive Board of the World Council of Churches and on more than one occasion, went abroad in the interest of church relationship.

A tall oak has fallen; he will be missed, not only in the councils of his church, but wherever the interest of human kind exists his name will be blessed.

## Air Force officer buried in Arlington

WASHINGTON (NNPA)

Funeral services for Major Dudley Watson, 37, of Frankfort, Ky., an Air Force officer killed in Germany, were held Wednesday in the chapel at Arlington National Cemetery. Burial was in the cemetery.

Major Watson was killed in an airplane crash in Jagdstuhl, in Western Germany, about three weeks ago. His body was returned to the U.S. for burial.

Major Watson was a former professor of air science and tactics at Tennessee State College and that institution sent an honor detachment to participate in the burial ceremony as part of the honor guard.

DURING WORLD WAR II Major Watson fought with the 332d Fighter Group in Italy and a large number of his former comrades attended the funeral. Among the Air Force officers at the funeral were:

Col. Vance H. Marchbanks, Limestone, Me.; Lt. Col. Edward Gleed, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Lt. Col. Thomas J. Money, Lt. Col. Daniel James, Lt. Col. William A. Campbell;

Major Claude Dixon, Major Freddie Hutchins, Major Clarence Lester, Major John J. Suggs, Major Burton W. Lewis, Capt. Leonard Turner, Capt. Oliver Kent.

Capt. Perry Hudson, Capt. Clyde Leathers, Capt. George Haley, Capt. John R. Pinkett, and M/Sgt. Eugene O'Neil.

MAJOR WATSON was a Regular Air Force officer and recently graduated from the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. He had been in Europe less than six months.

Surviving Major Watson are his wife, Mrs. Bernice Watson, and three children, Malone, 12; Melony, 9, and Milton, 3.

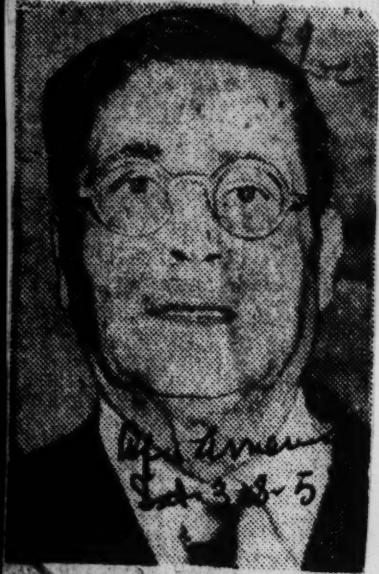


DR. W. H. JERNAGIN

# William Fletcher dies, Afro-American P.H.C. served on Constellation

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WASHINGTON

The last former crew member of the historic frigate Constellation died Wednesday night



WILLIAM FLETCHER  
Served on Constellation

at the age of 94.

He was William E. Fletcher, of Annapolis, father of Charles W. Fletcher, principal of Soldiers Point High School, Turner Station.

Funeral services for Mr. Fletcher will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday from Asbury Methodist Church, Annapolis, where he was a life-long member.

A VETERAN OF the Spanish American War and World War I, Mr. Fletcher had been critically ill and confined to an Ann Arbor hospital for several weeks. He remained conscious until shortly before his death.

Mr. Fletcher's death followed by one week that of Henry

Roberts, a shipmate on the Constellation and a close friend for over half a century.

Mr. Roberts, 93, died at his residence, 1327 N. Carey St., on Feb. 19.

He was past president of James E. Walker Post of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minerva J. Jones; two daughters and one son: Misses Jeannette M. and Emma J. and Thomas E. Jones Jr.

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DR. T. EDWARD JONES

# L. J. Lankford dies suddenly in Paris

Baltimore 3  
By OLLIE STEWART

PARIS — Larry J. Lankford, administrative assistant for the past two years at the American Embassy, died suddenly Thursday at the American Hospital of Paris. Cause of death was given as cerebral hemorrhage.

The 1951 graduate of Maryland State College died there after he was stricken at home. Larry was one of the best-liked young men in the Embassy, coming here April 17, 1956, almost two years exactly to the day of his death, with his wife Vernetta and their son, Keith.

They were already packed to return to the States on home leave early in May.

VERNETTA is a graduate of Bowie State Teachers College. She left by air with the son on Friday, and will spend some time with her mother at Marion Station, Md.

The Embassy is taking care of all arrangements for sending Lankford's body back to the States, as well as household effects.

"They have been just wonderful," Vernetta told this writer just before taking the plane. "The Embassy people just couldn't be any nicer. They've handled everything."

IT WAS only on Easter Sunday that Larry came by my house to read the AFRO and chat a while. We talked about his home leave and the many people he wanted to see when he got back to the States.

He didn't know where his next assignment would be, but said that he expected to remain with the State Department.

It was only a few weeks ago that the Langsfords moved into Paris and into an apartment, after a flooded basement forced them out of their house in Vauvert, on the outskirts of Paris.

Before coming to France, the Langsfords lived at 5213 Addison Rd., NE, Washington.

Segregation foe, Mrs. Rohr, dies

Washington  
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Rohr,



THIS PICTURE of the Lankfords was made shortly after their arrival in Paris two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lankford and son, Keith, resided in Washington before going to France.

staunch opponent of school segregation and vice president of the Montgomery County League of Women Voters, died this week in Suburban Hospital here.

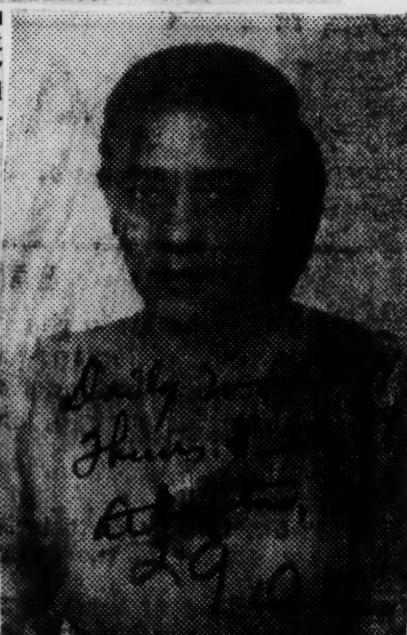
The 50-year-old civic leader, long a foe of segregation, blasted the Montgomery school board in 1955 for not considering colored teachers for positions there.

A DAY before her death, she wrote a letter to the County Council protesting its refusal to allocate funds for the modification of two colored schools.

A native of Baltimore and a graduate of Goucher College, Mrs. Rohr had long suffered with cancer. She failed to relax her fight to promote integration despite the affliction.

Mrs. Rohr is survived by her husband, Charles J. Rohr of Los Angeles; a son David B. Rohr and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Getzendanner of Baltimore.

Dr. Clark Will Be Funeralized  
Daily World  
This Afternoon



DR. GERALDINE CLARK  
WHO succumbed to a brain hemorrhage Sunday, will be funeralized in Sale Hall Chapel on the Morehouse campus at 2 p.m. today.

The Rev. Walter McCall, pastor of Providence Baptist Church where Miss Clark was a member, will preside during the services, and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse, will deliver the eulogy.

Spelman College, Dr. Clark's alma mater, will be in charge of music. The body will lie in state

at Pine Bluff, Ark., and a graduate of Spelman and Atlanta University here and the University of Chicago.

# Nation Mourns Dr. W. Jernagin

## Baptist Leader, 88, Was Well Known in International Circles

WASHINGTON (AP)—Funeral services for the Rev. William H. Jernagin were held at high noon Tuesday of this week at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, where he pastored for 45 years. The internationally known religious leader died at a Miami Beach hospital, a week earlier, following an operation.

The 88-year-old national leader spent 65 years in the ministry, all but 20 were given to the service of Mount Carmel in Washington.

The elder statesman had been in the forefront of many battles against racial discrimination and injustices. He was one of the moving forces in the Thompson restaurant case which resulted in complete integration in the nation's capital.

*3-1-58*  
FOR APPROXIMATELY a quarter of a century this eminent minister dedicated his service to the leadership of young people, serving as president of the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union. He was also an executive in the National Fraternal Council of Churches.

Dr. Jernagin's most recent trip abroad was made last March when he was guest of the Prime Minister of Ghana, Africa, at its Freedom Day celebration. That trip marked his 24th crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.

The dedicated minister was born in Mashulaville, Miss., of a farmer and a former slave. He received his education in an early academy and two colleges.

His wife, Mrs. Cordelia Woolfolk Jernagin, was with him at the time of death. Besides his widow, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lottie R. Adams and Mrs. Gertrude J. Swancy, both of Washington, and a number of nieces and nephews.

### Dr. Jernagin's Last Letter:

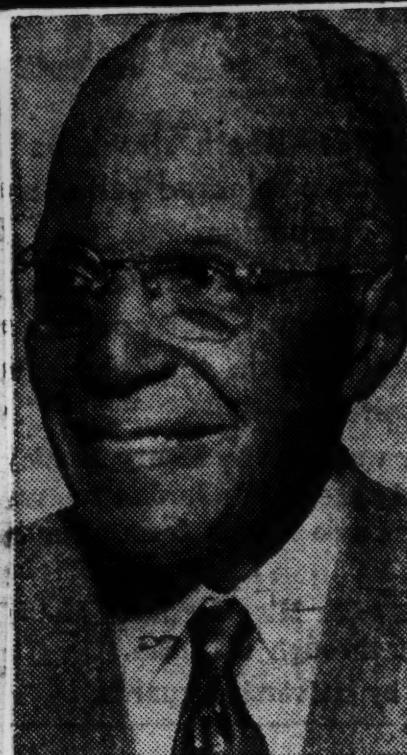
Probably the last letter ever written by the noted Baptist leader, Dr. William H. Jernagin of Washington, D. C., is printed below. It was addressed to The Courier's religious editor, B. H. Logan, and was written Feb. 29 in Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Sirs,  
I am here on Miami Beach for two weeks in an endeavor to regain my health from an attack as the result of exposure on the coldest day this winter, Dec. 12, 1957. I was en route to the meeting of our New England board in Newark, N. J., and had been given the wrong address by the clerk of the secretary of the convention. This was not discovered until after I had dismissed my taxi.

During the 30 minutes I spent in trying to hail another cab I was chilled and my head began to ache. I returned to Washington and my head did not stop aching for three days. I was given medical treatments in order to go about my work.

In early January, 1958, the doctor's diagnosis showed five symptoms and diseases had developed: namely: liver disorder, yellow jaundice, hiccups and itching. Most of these cleared up but the yellow jaundice, although greatly improved, still remained. Not having been confined to bed on account of illness for over 65 years, I lost weight besides losing strength and my appetite. I spent eight days in our Hot Springs Baptist bath house and felt much better after taking the baths and massages under the direction of Dr. Collier.

I went back to Washington and stayed for a few days before leaving for Miami Beach in search of sunshine. To my amazement, I found Miami's



DR. W. H. JERNAGIN

temperature down to 47 degrees accompanied by high winds. This is my first day out, the sun is shining, the winds have abated, and it is delightful. We have been promised warmer weather from tomorrow on.

Dr. E. T. Graham had arranged for me to stop at Hotel Carib on the beach where we along with others stayed during the convention in 1953. We were received graciously but during the night it leaked out that we were staying there and the other guests became alarmed. The next morning the manager came with tears in his eyes to tell me that he could not afford to have his other guests run out on him, and

that they resented our staying there. I need not say that this is a nice but struggling hotel. Dr. Graham immediately got in touch with one of Nautalis hotels, four blocks away, one of the leading here, and ar-

ranged for our stay there. We were given a beautiful suite. However, when I saw the price was \$30 per day I knew I had another problem. I decided that I could not let Dr. Graham and the owner down, nor could I afford to let the race down. I did not want it to get out that Negroes want first-class service but are not willing to pay the price. Hence I decided to do in this case what I did in Minneapolis 25 years ago.

I was en route to a Federal Council of Churches meeting and stopped off at St. Paul to visit one of my former church members and was permitted to sleep all afternoon and then get a hot bath. The Rev. Mr. Harris, who carried me to Minneapolis, asked if the hotel where I was going knew that I was a Negro. I told him no but the people who sent me there knew it. I registered at the hotel, and as it was a bad night, decided to go straight to bed. I looked up and saw there was a private bath and white maids. Although I had just taken a bath, I thought if I did not bathe they would think and perhaps say "Negroes do not bathe." So for the sake of the race, I bathed again."

I want the colored leaders to know that in Dr. Edward T. Graham we have a man of character and influence with persons worthwhile.

DR. W. H. JERNAGIN.

# JOHN PARKER DIES, FEDERAL JUDGE, 72

*Times p. 29*  
Chief of 4th Circuit Appeals

Bench Was Rejected for  
Top Court by Senate

*New York, N.Y.*  
to the New York Times  
WASHINGTON, March 17

Chief Judge John J. Parker of the Fourth United States Circuit Court of Appeals died today in George Washington University Hospital of a heart attack. He was 72 years old.

Judge Parker, in Washington welcomed by New Dealers, not to attend the spring meeting of the Judicial Conference of the United States, was stricken last night in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel.

## Leader in Court Reform

He was a leader in the Federal judicial conference in working for better court administration and simpler procedures. In 1940 he became chairman of the American Bar Association's special commission on improving the administration of justice; in 1943 the association gave him its annual medal for service to American jurisprudence.

Judge Parker went to Berlin and Nuremberg for several weeks in 1945 as an alternate United States member of the international war crimes tribunal.

Judge Parker's reputation as one of the most distinguished jurists on the Federal bench was achieved as a judge of the Court of Appeals of the Fourth Circuit, comprising Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The Supreme Court upheld this ruling by refusing President Calvin Coolidge's appointment him in 1925. For more than a quarter of a century he held the then Federal District Court, comprising Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, upholding his decisions that separate public schools for Negroes were permissible if the facilities were equal, he accepted the verdict of the Supreme Court reversing him.

A native of Monroe, N. C., he graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1907. He obtained his law degree there a year later, he was admitted to the bar and practiced successively in Greensboro, Monroe and Charlotte, his home since 1922. Active in Republican politics in the state since 1908, he ran unsuccessfully for the governorship in 1920 and was a national committeeman and convention delegate in 1924.

His appointment to the Supreme Court was generally applauded until the American Federation of Labor and subsequently the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People opened a fight to bench. In 1947 he ruled that a Negro workman can recover damages from a union that fails "yellow-dog" contract. Such a contract prohibits employees from joining a union.

One of his decisions appeared ironic in the light of the 1930 fears that he would prove anti-Negro on the bench. In 1947 he ruled that a Negro workman can recover damages from a union that fails "yellow-dog" contract. Such a contract prohibits employees from joining a union.

Judge Parker wrote to a Sen-

ator to say that in that case "I followed the law as laid down by the Supreme Court. I had no latitude of discretion in expressing my opinions or views of my own." On the N. A. A. C. P. citation of a campaign remark in 1920 that Negroes did not desire to enter politics, he wrote that the interpretation of this statement as anti-Negro was "wholly unjustified."

Nevertheless, for the first time in thirty-six years, the Senate rejected a Presidential appointment to the Supreme Court.

Although his critics had feared that he might have strengthened the then conservative majority on the Supreme Court, he later wrote decisions

notably one upholding the constitutionality of loans by the Public Works Administration.

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# Dr. T. E. Jones, 77, Dies, Ex-Freedmen's Head

Dr. T. Edward Jones, 77, former director-in-chief of Freedmen's Hospital, died Friday at his home, 1505 Twelfth street N.W. *Star*

A Washington physician and surgeon for almost half a century, Dr. Jones was surgeon-in-chief of the hospital from 1936 to 1939 when that title was changed to director. He served in that capacity until 1947.

His association with Freedmen's began in 1912 when he interned there, and continued as anesthetist from 1912 to 1917. *Star*

The physician was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross in France in 1918 by Gen. John J. Pershing for "extraordinary heroism" in the face of the enemy. Dr. Jones was then a first lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps, and attached to the 368th Infantry.

He returned to Freedmen's in 1919 as a resident assistant surgeon, a post he held until 1936. *Star*

In 1927 Dr. Jones performed a delicate heart operation. He took two stitches in a heart which had been pierced by a knife. Working between beats of the heart, he sewed together both the heart covering and the severed muscles. The man died two days later, but an autopsy revealed pneumonia was the cause of death.

Born in Lynchburg, Va., he was a graduate of schools there and the Howard University medical school.

Dr. Jones also served for many years as a gynecologist on the staff of the medical school.

He entered private practice in 1947, with an office in his home.

He was a member of Walker Post of the American Legion, the National Medical Association, the Army and Navy Legion of Valor, the Masonic Order, the Odd Fellows, Alpha Phi Alpha and Chi Delta Mu fraternities, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Young Men's Christian Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minerva J. Jones, a son, Thomas Edward Jones, Jr., and two daughters, the Misses Jeannette and Emma J. Jones.



DR. T. EDWARD JONES  
(A 1942 Photograph)

Services will be at noon Wednesday at Asbury Methodist Church, Eleventh and K streets N.W. Gravestones military rites will be conducted at 3 p.m. at Arlington Cemetery.

# Rev. Lorenzo Q. Brown, Pro-American CME secretary, buried

*Star 5-3-38* WASHINGTON National Council of Churches.

Funeral services for the Rev. Lorenzo Q. Brown, general secretary of Christian Education of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, were held Wednesday at St. John's CME Church.

Bishop W. Y. Bell delivered the eulogy. The Rev. Mr. Brown was buried in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery. He died Friday while returning from Miles College, Birmingham, Ala.

He was a member of Walker Post of the American Legion, the National Medical Association, the Army and Navy Legion of Valor, the Masonic Order, the Odd Fellows, Alpha Phi Alpha and Chi Delta Mu fraternities, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Young Men's Christian Association.

The Rev. Mr. Brown made his home at 409 Hobart Pl. NW. He had lived in Washington for 24 years.

Only a short while ago, he was re-elected secretary of the National Executive Section, Division of Christian Education, all of the home address.

Judge Parker wrote to a Sen-

# Elk Ruler, medical Sadie Yancey, instructor succumb Howard U. Dean

Elk official  
Dr. Marshall,  
buried

WASHINGTON  
Services for Dr. Charles Marshall, high official in Elk circles were held Monday morning at St. Augustine's Catholic Church.

Exalted Ruler of Morning Star Lodge No. 40, Dr. Marshall was buried in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Elk rites for the 63-year-old chiropractor who lived at 926 Euclid St., NW, were held Sunday night at McGuire Funeral Home.

Exalted Ruler George B. Clark conducted Elk rites.

Dr. Marshall succumbed Thursday after a four-week illness.

He had served on the Salvation Army's board of directors, headed the Civil Liberties of the Elks and was president of the Catholic Federation. He is survived by his wife, Edna; son, Charles Jr.; two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Hawkins of Glen Arden, Md., and Mrs. Carnegie Gwynn; one brother, William Marshall, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Clarence Mosley, Albert Madison, George Ranols, Dalphon Jones, James Tonney and John L. Edwards.



DR. CHARLES MARSHALL

Sadie M. Yancey, 51, dean of women at Howard University, died at Freedmen's Hospital, yesterday after a two-year illness.

Dean Yancey joined the student personnel staff at Howard in 1952 after having been dean of students at Florida A & M University in Tallahassee.

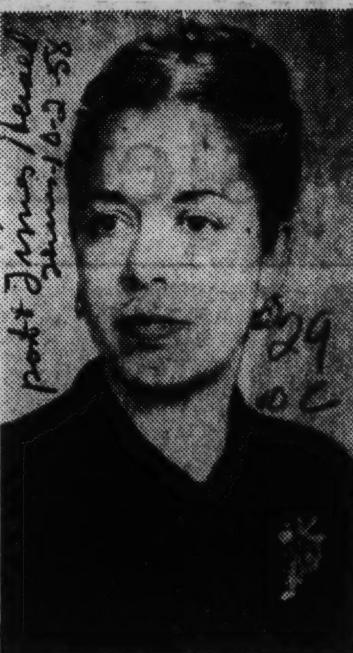
A native of Lexington, Ky., she received her Bachelor's degree from Kentucky State College in 1935, and was then appointed to the faculty of Dunbar High School in Lexington. During this period she was granted leave to attend the University of Cincinnati for a Master of Education degree.

Resigning her high school position in 1948, Dean Yancey was awarded a Rosenwald Fellowship to Cornell University to work toward her Doctor of Philosophy degree in guidance and personnel administration. In 1951 she joined the Florida A & M staff.

Dean Yancey was secretary of the Southern College Personnel Association, chairman of the twentieth annual conference of the National Council of Negro Women, president of the National Association of Personnel Workers, and a director of the Washington Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

She held membership in Pi Lambda Theta, Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Delta Gamma professional societies and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a social organization. In April, 1955, she was cited by the Kentucky State Teachers Association "for her contribution and service to the development of young people."

Miss Yancey, who lived on the Howard campus, is survived by two sisters, Myrtle Y. Mitchell, Lexington, and Mrs. Neil L. Halliday, 1617 Lawrence st. ne.



SADIE M. YANCEY

D.C.

## Dr. Turner, Teacher of Dentistry

Dr. John A. Turner, 57, chief of oral surgery at the Howard University School of Dentistry, died Thursday at Freedmen's Hospital. His home was at 1218 Girard st. nw.

Dr. Turner became the first Negro member of the District of Columbia Dental Society when, in January, 1957, the Society voted to admit qualified Negro dentists for the first time in its history.

The vote came after the Society received a letter of application from Dr. Turner, who said that he needed membership here to join the American Dental Association. He noted that he had "no desire to associate socially with those who do not desire to associate socially with me."

Dr. Turner taught at Howard University for 31 years and was also chief of oral surgery at Freedmen's Hospital, attending oral surgeon at D. C. General Hospital and consultant at Crownsville State Hospital in Maryland.

A native of Washington, he held degrees from Howard, New York University and Columbia University and was a diplomate of the American Board of Oral Surgeons.

He was a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, which awarded him its Distinguished Service Key, and of Chi Delta Mu professional fraternity and Omicron Kappa Upsilon national honor society in dentistry.

Dr. Turner served on the board of directors of the United Givers Fund here and was a member of the Pigskin and Derby Clubs.

Surviving are his wife, Lois Pair Turner; a daughter, Lois I. and a son, John A. Jr., all of the home address; two sisters, Mabel Neal and Dorothy Harris, both of Philadelphia.

and a brother, James M. Jr., of Washington.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University, with burial in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

## Howard Star Is Killed by Steel Beam

Kenneth E. Washington, jr., 23, captain of Howard University's football team, was crushed to death yesterday while working on a summer job at a South Plainfield (N. J.) steel warehouse.

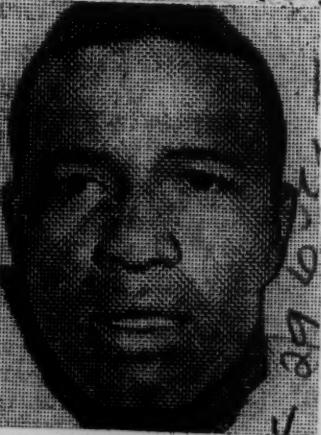
A candidate last year as the best Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association end, Mr. Washington, was killed instantly when a 4-ton I beam toppled from a stack, crushing him against a pile of other beams.

According to the Associated Press, a crane had just set the 40-foot steel pile in the stack in the yard of the Harris Structural Steel Co. Police said the crane's tongs accidentally hooked the beam and toppled it.

One of Howard's most popular football and basketball stars, Ken Washington had been elected by his teammates to be their captain for the coming football season. He would have been a senior this fall.

He lived in Middlesex Borough, N. J., and was a graduate of Bound Brook High School. In 1953, he was voted Bound Brook's most valuable athlete.

KENNETH WASHINGTON, Jr.



# Judge Made Senator Pay Debt

## WASHINGTON

James A. Cobb, former District of Columbia Municipal Court judge, died Tuesday at 6 p.m. following a brief illness. He was 82.

The senior member of the well-known Washington law firm of Cobb, Howard and Hayes, Judge Cobb served on the Howard University Law School faculty from 1917 to 1938.

He was born in Arcadia, La., on Jan. 26, 1876, and was educated at Straight University, New Orleans; Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; and Howard University in Washington, receiving his law degree in 1900.

Straight University has been since renamed Dillard University.

*Afro-American*  
THE FOLLOWING year after graduating from Howard, Mr. Cobb set up offices as a practicing attorney. He was appointed assistant U.S. Attorney on Nov. 11, 1907, serving until Aug. 15, 1915.

While an assistant U.S. Attorney he handled cases in pure food, prosecutions and naturalizations.

Active in politics, he was named a delegate to the Republican National Convention Chicago in 1920.

And in Feb., 1926, President Calvin Coolidge nominated Mr. Cobb as municipal court judge of the District of Columbia to succeed Judge Robert H. Terrell. His appointment was confirmed the same year.

He was re-appointed to the

post by President Herbert Hoover in March, 1930. His term

expired in April, 1936, but he

served in this capacity until he was succeeded by Armond W. Scott, a Democrat, appointed by President Franklin D.

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JUDGE COBB was considered one of the most competent attorneys in Washington, often called to the Department of Justice to advise.

It is said that during his career on the bench, only four of his decisions were reversed by a higher court.

He was considered for a seat on the District Supreme Court bench when Justice Wendell P. Stafford resigned in 1931, but it is believed that Democratic

opposition kept him from being appointed.

IN 1930, Judge Cobb made Sen. Cole Blease of South Carolina pay a \$186 debt.

He ordered the Senator to pay the Industrial Loan Bank of South Carolina \$186, with interest from March 4, 1925, and costs and further ordered that this judgment be satisfied March 21, 1930.

Judge Cobb handed down his decision just 10 days before Senator Blease made an attack upon "n----r" judges on the floor of the Senate, and three days before the debt was due and payable.

His accomplishments were many, and great, but even greater for a boy who ran away from home at the age of eight and worked his way through school.

AN ACCOMPLISHED lawyer, and highly rated, he was appointed to the Howard University School of Law faculty in 1917 on a part-time basis. He taught at the university until he was ousted on June 30, 1938.

He was vice dean of the law school from 1923 to 1931.

The university notified him that his contract would not be renewed after the expiration date.

Judge Cobb charged that he was fired because he appeared before a Senate sub-committee to oppose an item in the Howard University appropriation for a field agent.

He also charged the university with misuse of Government funds.

FIGHTING his ouster, Judge Cobb sued the university in an effort to retain his teaching post.

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The District Court of Appeals upheld the decision of the lower court, with only Associate Justice Wiley Rutledge dissenting.

IN DEC., 1947, Judge Cobb became the first member of

his race to be appointed to the board of trustees of the District Free Public Library.

He succeeded Dr. George C. Havenner who resigned because of declining health.

Besides politics, Mr. Cobb was interested in civic activities.

He was a liaison officer for the Government Printing Office, president of the Federation of Civic Associations from 1929-32, member of Sigma Pi Phi and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternities, among other organizations.

JUDGE COBB also attended the 1924 GOP convention as an alternate delegate.

Judge Cobb, who never married, was also a one-time president of the Washington Bar Association, an Elk, Mason and active in the NAACP.

He also was a member of the Citizens Efficiency Committee to Codify the Laws of the District of Columbia, George Washington Bicentennial Committee (1932), Washington Housing Association;

Also the Selective Service Board, District Columbia Appeals Board, board of trustees of Howard University; a board of trustees of the District Free Public Library;

ALSO member of the Commissioner's Traffic Advisory Committee, board of directors of the National Capital Sesquicentennial Commission; National Bar Association;

And also Criminal Justice Association, American Academy of Political and Social Scientists, National Economic League, and Geographic Society.

Judge Cobb resided at 1732 S St., NW, and had offices at 613 F St., NW.

## Judge James A. Cobb

((An Editorial)

WASHINGTON  
The community in general and the legal fraternity in particular deeply mourn the death this week of Judge James A. Cobb, who for the past half century has made his influence felt both in local and national affairs.

The life of Judge Cobb can serve as a classic example of what can be accomplished against tremendous odds by those who refuse to permit the handicaps of race to serve as an impediment to progress.

Born in Arcadia, Louisiana in 1876 at a time and certainly a place where things looked dark for the hope of realizing ambitions in the legal profession, James A. Cobb refused to be daunted and cast his lot among the pioneers in this challenging field of endeavor.

By diligent study, coupled with an ingratiating charm, he rose to the heights, serving in many capacities including a professorship in constitutional law at Howard University and a brilliant career as jurist on the municipal bench of the nation's capital.

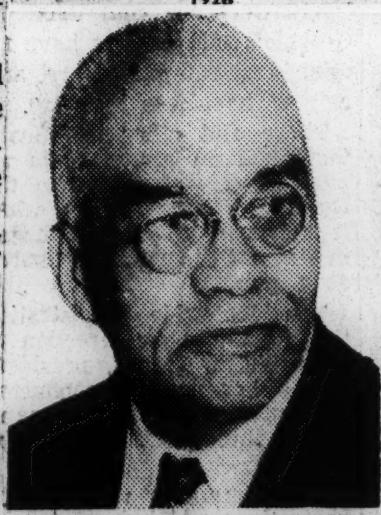
Throughout his career he occupied an important niche in the councils of the Republican Party, but his interests transcended partisan politics and his friendships included all shades of political opinion.

At the time of his death, he was the senior member of the distinguished law firm of Cobb, Howard and Hayes.

His influence as an elder statesman, who enjoyed the respect of all among the mighty and the meek will be greatly missed and the void will be hard to fill.



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# Rankin Chapel service held for Dr. J. Turner

WASHINGTON—Funeral services were conducted Monday in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel for Dr. John A. Turner, chief of oral surgery at the Howard University School of Dentistry, who died Thursday at Freedmen's Hospital.

Dr. Turner, who was 57, resided with his wife, Mrs. Lois Pair Turner; daughter Lois I., and son John A. Jr., at 1218 Girard St., NW.

A member of the Howard University faculty for 31 years and chief of oral surgery at Freedmen's, Dr. Turner became the first colored member of the District of Columbia Dental Society when that organization voted to drop its racial barriers in January of last year.

In addition to his Freedmen's and Howard University posts, Dr. Turner was an attending oral surgeon at D.C. General Hospital and at Crownsville State Hospital, in Maryland.

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HE WAS a native of the District of Columbia and held degrees from Howard, New York University and Columbia University and was a diplomate of the American Board of Oral Surgeons.

He was a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and a winner of its Distinguished Service Key, Chi Delta Mu Professional Fraternity and Omicron Kappa Upsilon, national honor society in dentistry.

Dr. Turner served on the board of directors of the United Givers Fund and was a member of the Pigskin and Derby Clubs.

Survivors in addition to his immediate family include two sisters Mrs. Mabel Neal and Mrs. Dorothy Harris, both of Philadelphia, and a brother, James M. Turner Jr., of Washington.

*Appletonian*  
Last rites  
for Cobb at  
Howard U.

*Ballantine*  
WASHINGTON

Funeral services were held at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University, Friday at 11 a.m. for Judge James A. Cobb.

The Rev. Arthur L. Elmes, pastor, Peoples Congregational Church, presides. Also participating was Dr. Evans Crawford, dean of the Chapel. Interment was private.

All flags in the nation's capital were flown at half-mast in tribute to the judge Friday. His body was cremated following the brief funeral services.

Judge Cobb died Tuesday at his home at 1732 S St., S.W. He was 82 years old.

*Appletonian*  
UNMARRIED, THE noted attorney left no near relatives. His adopted family was George E. C. Hayes, Public Utilities Commissioner with whom he resided for 33 years, Mrs. Hayes and two godchildren, Mrs. Helen Jefferson, Detroit, Mich. and Dr. Fleming Norris Jr., East Paterson, N.J.

Other members of the adopted family of the former Municipal Court Judge included younger members of the Cobb, Howard and Hayes law firm, who acted as pallbearers at his funeral.

*Ballantine*  
ONE OF THESE, Julian Dugas, assistant corporation counsel, speaking of the passing of Judge Cobb said:

"He was like a father to me. He was a man interested in all young minority group lawyers. We could go to him at any time not only for advice but for financial aid as well.

*Ballantine*  
"He took me into his firm right out of law school before I even passed the bar.

"He was influential in getting me into the corporation counsel's office.

"The things I say about him not only apply to me but to many others."

Other pallbearers were Robert C. Campbell, assistant corporation counsel; Attorneys George Windsor, Luke C. Moore, John Shorter, Thurlow Tibbs.

ANOTHER CLOSE friend of Judge Cobb was James (Pete) Tyson, a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board who declared:

"One of the greatest men who has ever settled in the District is gone. He has done more general good for the people of the District than any person that I could possibly think of."

AND PERRY W. HOWARD, National Republican Committeeman from Mississippi who is also a senior member of the Cobb, Howard, Hayes law firm commented:

"The race has lost one of its greatest advocates, the bar one of its best lawyers, and our firm has suffered an irreparable loss.

"He loved this country, his profession and his friends.

"He walked with his fellow man in public and private as a gentleman of the highest order."

Also among the former jurist's friends were Commissioner Robert McLaughlin, chairman of D.C. Commissioners and Chief Judge Bolitha J. Laws.

BUT CLOSER than anyone to Judge Cobb was PUC Commissioner Hayes of whom the Judge often said, "George is all the family I've got."

Despite their own personal successes, Judge Cobb's protégés, along with other lawyers treated him with rare respect, obeying him even in his testier moments, as though they were still young attorneys practicing before his court.

A STAUNCH Republican, Judge Cobb, simply called "The Judge" by those who knew him, unofficially dispensed political patronage to promising lawyers.

He was a leader of Citizens for Eisenhower in 1952.

BORN IN Arcadia, La. on January 29, 1876, he studied at Straight University, New Orleans and Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

In 1900, he earned his LL.M. Degree at Howard University and his P.D.B. Degree in 1902.

Admitted to the District bar in 1901, he was special assist-

ant U.S. Attorney from November 11, 1907 to Aug. 5, 1915. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Chicago in 1920 and alternate delegate at Cleveland, 1924.

JUDGE OF the Municipal Court in the District from 1926 to 1935, Judge Cobb became senior member of the Cobb, Howard and Hayes law firm in 1935.

He was a former professor of Constitutional Law and vice dean of the Howard University Law School.

OTHER affiliations were:

Member of the Citizens' Efficiency Committee to revamp and codify the laws of D.C.;

George Washington Bicentennial Committee; chairman of the legal committee, Washington Housing Association; member, D.C. Appeals Board for Selective Service;

Trustee of the Public Library, member of the Commissioners

Traffic Advisory Committee, National Bar Association, Criminal Justice Association, American Academy of Political and Social Science, National Economic League;

American Geographical Society, National Council of Christians and Jews, Board of Directors, NAACP; Urban League, Lincoln Congregational Church, Sigma Pi Phi, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, DePriesternity, the Elks Lodge, Medico-chirurgical Society and Kappa Alpha.

He was also recipient of the Alpha Pi Honorary Medical Society Alumni Award from Howard University.

Survivors are his wife, Carol; In addition to other activities, he was an enthusiastic David Williston.

Pallbearers were Dr. John Manley, Granville Hurley, Dr. James Walker, Dr. William Warrick, Dr. Eugene Holmes and George B. Murphy.

ELK funeral services for Dr. Williston were held at McGuire's Funeral Home, Tuesday evening. He was a member of National Capitol Lodge No. 980, and its examining physician.

Pallbearers included Dr. John B. Manley, of New York; Dr. William Warrick Jr., of Philadelphia; and the following all of Washington: Dr. Eugene Holmes, of Howard University; Dr. James E. Walker; Granville Hurley, of the Howard University School of Engineering and Architecture; and George B. Murphy Jr.

## Episcopal rites conducted for Dr. Williston

WASHINGTON

Funeral services were held

Wednesday

for Dr. Thomas

Williston, a member of the

Howard University

Medical

School at St. Luke's Episcopal

Church.

He was buried in Lincoln

Cemetery.

Dr. Williston died Saturday

after a prolonged sickness. He

was

The Ohio-born doctor was an

attending physician in the D.C.

Health Department, Tubercu-

losis Bureau for 14 years.

Also he was on the Freed-

men's Hospital staff.

Dr. Williston had been prac-

ticing medicine here since 1934

after graduation from How-

ard's Medical School.

He also went to Pennsylva-

nia, Tuskegee (Ala.)

Institute and Williston Acad-

emy, Easthampton, Mass.

League, Lincoln Congregation-

al Church, Sigma Pi Phi, Alpha

Phi Alpha Fraternity, DePriest-

ernity, the Elks Lodge, Medi-

co-chirurgical Society and Kap-

Alpha.

He was also recipient of the

Alpha Pi Honorary Medical

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University.

In addition to other activi-

ties, he was an enthusiastic

bridge player.

His body lay in state at How-

ard University Thursday until

9:30 p.m.



DR. THOMAS A. WILLISTON



JUDGE JAMES A. COBB

## G. W. Edmunds, Aide to 9 Secretaries of Agriculture

Girard W. Edmunds, 62, a former chauffeur who became the non-political confidant to the Secretaries of Agriculture, died yesterday at his home.

He vacated his tiny office outside the private door to Secretary Benson's chamber several months ago. He was awarded the department's Superior Service Award and a length of service citation. He was an Agriculture employee for more than 40 years.

The Boss, as he was known to many persons in the department, was personal assistant to every Secretary since Henry C. Wallace in 1933. He was in charge of the chauffeur and messenger service, and helped to arrange drivers given by the Secretary.

"He was a helpful and valuable assistant," Mr. Benson said, "whose loss will be keenly felt."

Mr. Edmunds' closest friend as Secretary, according to his family, was Clinton P. Anderson, now Democratic Senator from New Mexico.

In the Senator's words:

"He was the most reliable and upright man I have known in a long time. It is remarkable when you realize he served so many Secretaries."

"He told me once that (a former) Secretary was the best Secretary he ever knew. Girard said the man was never in before 11 and never there after 1, and if he could do the work in two hours, it was a little silly for the rest of us to work so long."

A husky, happy man who was an active member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, Mr. Edmunds was born in Washington and attended local schools. He served in the Army in World War I, rising to the rank of sergeant.

He returned to the department in 1918, having served briefly before the war, and became the first automobile chauffeur for a Secretary, who previously rode in a horse-drawn carriage.

An official of the department recalled that Mr. Edmunds had "very high ideals, and didn't hesitate to advise the boss when he thought the boss was doing something wrong."



GIRARD W. EDMUNDS

D.C.

## Funeral Services Held For D.C. Judge James A. Cobb

Washington (AP) — Funeral services were held for Judge James A. Cobb, Friday morn. ing at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University. Judge Cobb, 82, died at his home Tuesday after a brief illness.

Spurred by Bar Fight

His death came the same day that the District Bar Association voted to accept Negro members. This was a fight which Judge Cobb had engaged in for a number of years. His application for membership was filed in 1956 and was still on file at the time of death.

A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, the future judge was orphaned shortly after birth, and worked his way up to judgeship in the capitol of the nation.

Asst. Atty. Gen.

Theodore Roosevelt appointed Cobb as special assistant to the Attorney General in charge of pure food law prosecutions, an office which he held through the administration of three Presidents, four Attorneys General and four United States attorneys.

In 1926 he was appointed judge of the Municipal court, a position which he held for ten years. He taught at the Howard Law School from 1916 to 1938.

Memberships Held

He was a member of the Citizens' Efficiency Committee to Revamp and Codify the Laws of the District of Columbia, the George Washington Bicentennial Committee, the Washington Housing Association, the D. C. Appeals Board for Selective Service, and the Commissioners Traffic Advisory Committee.

He was also a trustee of the member of the National a District Public Library, and a member of the National Bar

kegee Institute, secured appointment as a special assistant to the attorney general in charge of pure food prosecutions.

Judge of the municipal court from 1928 to 1936, Mr. Cobb also was a member of the faculty of the Howard Law school from 1918 to 1938. He taught constitutional law and negotiable instruments.

Mr. Cobb was a Republican. A member of the Republican State Central committee here, he was one of the first Taft supporters here to switch to General Eisenhower in 1952.

Judge Cobb had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. George E. C. Hayes for the past 33 years.

## Death Of Dr. Phelps-Stokes and Son Is Mourned

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — Funeral services for James A. Cobb, 82, lawyer and former judge of the District of Columbia municipal court, were held in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel at Howard University Friday, Oct. 17.

The Rev. A. F. Elmes, pastor of the People's Congregational church, officiated. Burial was private.

Judge Cobb died at his residence late Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 16.

He had been in a hospital recently, but had been released and had been visiting his law office.

His career included service as a special assistant to the attorney general of the United States, municipal court judge, law professor at the Howard University Law School, and an attorney in private practice.

He died on the same day that

the District of Columbia Bar Association voted to drop its color bar.

Mr. Cobb was one of the lawyers who applied for membership in 1956 when an amendment deleting the word "white" from the constitution was passed but later declared invalid on a question of voting procedure.

Born in Arcadia, La., and orphaned shortly after birth, he began working at the age of eight as a mail carrier. He worked his way through Straight University, then went to Fisk University, and received his law degree from Howard University in 1901.

As a young man, Judge Cobb

family its expression of sympathy."

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Death Of Dr. Phelps-Stokes and Son Is Mourned

NEW YORK — The death of Anson Phelps Stokes, former president of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, evoked messages of condolence from Dr. Channing H. Tobias, NAACP board chairman, and Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins.

Dr. Phelps Stokes was for many years a leader in interracial activities and in the promotion of educational opportunities for Negroes and members of other minority groups. He lived in Stockbridge, Mass.

IN A TELEGRAM to his widow, Dr. Tobias, retired executive director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, extended sympathy on behalf of the NAACP board and of himself personally. Dr. Stokes, he said, "was a good man, observant of every detail in Phelps-Stokes Foundation, during his presidency and during his years on the board. I feel I owe him a great debt of gratitude. Mrs. Tobias and I are with you and the family in this hour of bereavement."

The NAACP, Mr. Wilkins said in his message, views the passing of Dr. Phelps Stokes "with deep sorrow and wishes to extend to you and the entire



# Canon Stokes

## Is Dead at 84

*Post and Times Herald*

By Dorrie Davenport  
Staff Reporter

The Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, 84, retired canon of Washington Cathedral, vigorous campaigner for slum clearance here and outstanding benefactor of the Negro race, died Wednesday at his home in Lenox, Mass.

Dr Stokes accepted the high executive head of the District Cathedral position in 1924 with one qualification — that he would give it half his time and devote the rest to educational and philanthropic causes.

These included alley slum clearance, alleviation of unemployment, educational work and untiring efforts in behalf of the Negro. *D 2*

"One of the fundamental needs of Washington Negroes is better housing," Dr. Stokes said. "You can't expect people to be decent citizens if they live as thousands of Negroes live here."

*Washington*  
Defended Miss Anderson  
*D 2*

He argued the case for Marian Anderson before the Daughters of the American Revolution when that organization refused to let her sing in Constitution Hall. (His brief for Miss Anderson was published in 1939 under the title "Art and the Color Line.")

Dr. Stokes never overlooked the fact that Negro education and housing are only one side of the coin in the improvement of race relations in this country. The other side—as he frequently pointed out—is education among whites about the Negro.

When he left Washington in 1939 after 15 years' service, he was paid high tribute by Washington's leading citizens, Negro and white, Protestant, Catholic and Jew. *8-15-58*

### His Book Praised

After his retirement in 1939, he spent 13 years writing a monumental work entitled "Church and State in the United States." The book was widely praised by religious and secular leaders throughout the Nation.

Dr. Stokes was one of the

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founders of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene and a former trustee of the Brookings Institution. He was a chevalier of the French Legion of Honor and in 1951 was named "Churchman of the Year."

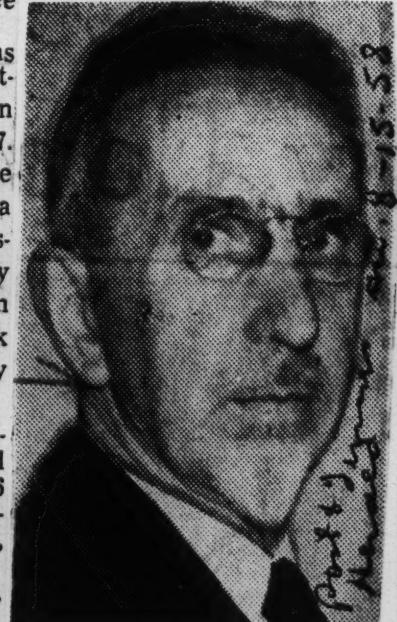
Two years ago Princeton University conferred upon him the degree of doctor of divinity, praising his study on the church and state as "the rich and thoughtful harvest of a rich and thoughtful life."

Survivors include his wife, Caroline Mitchell Stokes; two sons, the Right Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes Jr., Bishop of Allegheny-Dwelling Massachusetts; and Isaac Newell, of the Norfolk (Va.) Museum of Arts and Sciences.

He is also survived by two sisters and two brothers, including Harold Phelps Stokes, of Washington.

A funeral service will be held today at Trinity Church in Lenox.

*8-15-58*



REV. ANSON P. STOKES

## Dr. Sadie Yancey Dean Of Women At Howard Univ. Is Death Victim

Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—Dr. Sadie M. Yancey, dean of women at Howard University, died at Freedmen's Hospital today, following an illness which had kept her hospitalized for the better part of more than two years. She was 51.

*Advocate*  
A native of Lexington, Ky., Dean Yancey joined the student personnel staff at Howard in 1952. Prior to that time she had served as

survivors include two sisters—Mrs. Myrtle Y. Mitchell of Lexington and Mrs. Thelma Y. Holliday of Washington.

tion of Personnel Workers, and a director of the Washington Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

She held membership in Pi Lambda Theta, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Delta Gamma professional societies and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a social organization.

In April, 1955, the Kentucky State Teachers Association cited Dean Yancey "for her contribution and service to the development of young people."

Dean Yancey was the daughter of the late Charles H. and Minnie C. Yancey of Lexington. She was a member of St. Paul A. M. E. Church in Lexington, and was affiliated with Metropolitan A. M. E. Church in Washington.

Survivors include two sisters—Mrs. Myrtle Y. Mitchell of Lexington and Mrs. Thelma Y. Holliday of Washington.

Resigning her high school position in 1948, Dean Yancey was awarded a Rosenwald Fellowship to Cornell University to work toward her Doctor of Philosophy degree in guidance and personnel administration. She was awarded the degree in June, 1950. She was appointed to the Florida A. & M. staff the following September as dean of women, and promoted to dean of students one year later.

Dean Yancey held membership in numerous civic and professional organizations. She had served as secretary of the Southern College Personnel Association, executive committee member of the American College Personnel Association, Delegate Assembly member of the American Guidance and Personnel Association, contact representative of the National Association of Deans of Women, chairman of the twentieth annual conference of the National Council of Negro Women, president of the National Associa-

## Dr. Jernagin Dead; Noted Churchman

The Rev. Dr. William Henry Jernagin, 88, national Negro religious leader, died Tuesday in a Miami Beach hospital following an operation.



Dr. Jernagin had gone to Florida Feb. 1 to recuperate from a cold. He was admitted to the hospital on Feb. 6 and operated on Feb. 10. Relatives here were not informed about the nature of his ailment.

Dr. Jernagin, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 3d and 1 sts. nw., held a number of national posts and for many years was a leader in the effort to gain equality for Negroes.

Dr. Jernagin played an initial role in the legal proceedings which ended racial discrimination in Thompson's and other Washington restaurants, and at the Capitol Theater and other theaters.

His trip to Ghana, Africa, last March to make a presentation to the prime minister at the birth of the Gold Coast republic, marked his 24th crossing of the Atlantic.

Born in Mashulaville, Miss., the son of a farmer and former slave, he was educated at an academy and two colleges and served several churches, including the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, before coming to Mount Carmel Church in 1912. He was the oldest active pastor in Washington.

With him at his death was his second wife, the former

Cordelia Woolfolk, whom he married in 1945. Other survivors are two daughters: Lottie R. Adams of 149 Randolph pl. nw., and Gertrude J. Swaney of 1212 R st. nw., and a number of nieces and nephews, including the Rev. Percy J. Jernagin, an assistant pastor at Mount Carmel Church.

The funeral will be held next Tuesday noon at the church.

## Nashville Baptists Deplore Death Of Dr. W. H. Jernagin In Miami Beach, Fla.

News of the death of Dr. W. H. Jernagin, was deeply touching to a number of Baptist leaders in Nashville to which city he was a frequent visitor.

He was a devoted friend of Dr. A. M. Townsend, secretary of the Sunday School Publishing Board. He and Dr. Henry Allen Boyd were also good personal friends although they did not see eye to eye back there in 1915 when the one big Baptist family became involved in a war of words over whether the Baptists, who trace their beginning back to 1880, should incorporate or not.

### Oppose Incorporation

It was following this agreement to "disagree" that the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated came into existence while a majority of the messengers to the 1915 convention remained fixed in their belief it was better not to incorporate than to do so.

### Was Mississippian

The fine feeling of friendship between Dr. Jernagin and Dr. Henry Allen Boyd probably stems from the fact that Dr. Boyd's father, the late Dr. R. H. Boyd, like Dr. W. H. Jernagin were natives of the State of Mississippi.

Dr. Boyd and Dr. Jernagin both could say that Mississippi got in bad when it displaced such notables as the late B. K. Bruce, colored, as United States Senator and brought on the scene such controversial figures as Senator Bilbo and Senator James O. Eastland.

Another Nashvillian who had great admiration for Dr. Jernagin is Deacon and Globe editor, L. D. Williams. Williams has known Dr. Jernagin since 1921. His secretary in an insurance office in Frankfort, Ky., was wed to Dr. Jernagin a number of years ago. She is Mrs. Cordelia Woolfolk Jernagin, a

D.C.

Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

## Henry P. Slaughter, Collector, Funeralized

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Funeral services were held here this week for Henry P. Slaughter, a well known collector of books written by and about Negroes. Slaughter, who was a printer by trade, spent all his spare time on his favorite hobby of reading works of Negroes and purchasing new material for his library.

His collection became so extensive that he made arrangements to house it in the library at Atlanta University, where it will perhaps remain permanently.



DIES AT FREEDMEN'S — Mrs. Julia West Hamilton 91, prominent civic leader and long time president of the Phillis Wheatley YWCA, died Friday at the hospital. Her burial is planned for 1 p.m. Wednesday at Metropolitan AME Church.

## James Ward

*P. B. 2*  
James Ward, 66, a doorman and elevator operator of the Ontario Apartments, 2853 Ontario rd. nw., died Saturday at Freedman's Hospital. He lived at 1905 15th st. nw.

Mr. Ward began working at the Ontario as a doorman for \$18 a month. He worked there when Gen. Douglas

MacArthur and President William Howard Taft lived at the apartment house.

Born in Arlington, Mr. Ward lived in the Washington area all his life. He is survived by his wife, Alta W., of the home address; a brother, Harry, of Pittsburgh, and two sisters, Marian ~~McDowell~~ and Sara Richardson, both of Arlington.

The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Jarvis Funeral Home, 1432 U st. nw. Burial will be in Lincoln Cemetery.

# Mrs. Hamilton: Crusader

(AN EDITORIAL)

The saying that a great institution is but the lengthening shadow of one individual is certainly personified by the life of Mrs. Julia West Hamilton which came to an end here Friday.

*African American* p. 16  
The Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, which she helped to organize 53 years ago, has never deviated from the course she charted at its inception—Christian haven for cultured young women and girls.

Up to the time of her death at the age of 91, she still was fighting valiantly against tremendous financial odds to maintain the institution as an independent entity, working within the framework of the national YWCA, but keeping its freedom of thought an action.

Mrs. Hamilton was able to build and carry on her work because she was a master of two great arts: The art of getting people to work together through the companion art of giving recognition where it was due and expressing gratitude where it was deserved.

To her dying day, Mrs. Hamilton saw to it that those who had labored with her down through the years were never forgotten. Although some were bedridden and alone they were remembered with floral tributes and kept apprised of the activities of the association with the same unswerving regularity that won their devotion and loyalty during the days when they were able to make a contribution. *3-8-58*

It was this sense of human values which reflected the sterling character of Mrs. Hamilton.

But her deep personal interest in her own creation did not contract her thinking or prevent her from contributing her energies to other organizations.

She was a former national treasurer of the National Association of Colored Women's Club, a member of the National Council of Negro Women, organizer and first president of Washington and vicinity Federation of Women's Clubs, organizer and first president of the auxiliary of the James E. Walker American Legion Post, and for many years was a trustee of the old Community Chest. In 1929, Mrs. Hamilton served as the first woman chairman of a membership drive of the Washington branch NAACP.

Julia West Hamilton possessed the Midas touch in community service in that everything in which she took an interest increased in spiritual value. Her wise counsel and ability to bring order out of confusion will be greatly missed.

# Mrs. Hamilton one of God's servants'

WASHINGTON

"Mrs. Julia West Hamilton was one of God's best servants of this century, a woman of remarkably candid and clear intelligence, compassion and convictions that we are mere servants of Christ working together toward one common end."

This eulogy was made by the Rev. G. Dewey Robinson at funeral services for Mrs. Hamilton at the Metropolitan AME Church, Wednesday.

*African American*  
MORE THAN 1,000 mourners, including D.C. Commissioner Robert E. McLaughlin and educational, civic and Christian leaders of all races, heard the glowing tribute paid to Mrs. Hamilton. *P. 16*

One of the founders and president of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, Mrs. Hamilton died at 91 years of age at the Freedmen's Hospital Saturday.

Affectionately called the "Mother of the District," Mrs. Hamilton had been a leader in American Legion Post No. 26 the Washington community for members: Robert B. Burke, 60 years. She was a member of Joseph H. Hawkins, Wallace P. Metropolitan AME Church for Grant, C. K. Brown, B. F. Scott 75 years, and chairman of its trustee board for 12 years.

*African American*  
THE REV. Mrs. Rebecca Glover in her prayer spoke of Mrs. Hamilton as "The Christ Interment was at Lincoln Cemetery. good. She gave her all. Let us emulate her."

The Metropolitan AME Choir sang "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Won."

Resolutions were by Dr. Gertrude Rivers of the YMCA, and Mrs. Estelle Webster of Metropolitan AME Church. *3-8-58*

DR. MORDECAT W. JOHN-  
SON, president of Howard University, said: "God has done much for us through Mrs. Hamilton. There was something great and supreme in the life of this woman. No matter how difficult the task, she was optimistic."

"The responsible mother of five children, she was home-maker, seamstress, printer and then turned to public life, particularly public school. She served the Parent-Teachers-Association and YWCA with motherliness and resourcefulness."

"In church she was not merely a sitting member, but a

motherly statesman. And she saw the NAACP not as an organization, but an instrument for the good of the mother, father and child."

DR. JOHNSON added that a great book is yet to be written about the colored woman who built up the colored people. God gave us a picture in Mrs. Hamilton, he declared.

"I will remember her until I die. God bless the memory."

IN THE Eulogy, the Rev. Mr. Robinson recalled "She said let me die smiling, thinking, faithfully."

"Under the protection of God and by authority of Christ, her spirit is released, mortal to immortality." The choir sang "Peace, Perfect Peace."

AS MOURNERS filed back to the 40-car procession, spectators observed from the nearby National Education Association building windows, and other business offices in the area.

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Additional services were by the Order of Eastern Star.

Funeral arrangements were by the McGuire Funeral Home. Mrs. Hamilton as "The Christ Interment was at Lincoln Cemetery. good. She gave her all. Let us emulate her."

A NATIVE of Charleston, S.C., Mrs. Hamilton is survived by two sons and one daughter: Col. West Hamilton, Board of Education member; Percival Y. Hamilton, printer; and Mrs. Josephine H. Pettie, a former District school teacher who now resides in East Elmhurst, N.Y.

She is also survived by three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

# Final Rites Today for Dr. Redmond

*1/15/58*  
Funeral services for Dr. William L. Redmond, prominent Jacksonville dentist, will be held at 3:00 p.m. today in the Ebenezer Methodist Church, with the Rev. E. M. Hurley, officiating. The eulogy will be delivered by the Rev. J. B. F. William's, minister of the church.

Dr. Redmond, of 2028 Davis St., died Monday afternoon at his residence following a brief illness. He was born in this city, and had lived in Jacksonville throughout his lifetime. He was a member of Ebenezer Methodist Church and served there as a member of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Stewards, the Commission on Finance and Stewardship, and as General Church Treasurer for a period of 32 years.

Prominently identified with fraternal, social and civic organizations of his community, he held membership in the Jacksonville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the Flajax Club, Inc., and the Jacksonville Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Association.

The recipient of a number of awards for outstanding service to his community, Dr. Redmond was the holder of the coveted Silver Beaver Award for meritorious service in the Boy Scout movement, and was recently honored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity with an award for outstanding service and devotion to his Chapter and community.

A graduate of Meharry Medical College in the field of dental science, Dr. Redmond practiced in Jacksonville for a period of 31 years, with offices at 900 Madison St.

Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Bessie Redmond, of this city; brothers, Ralph Redmond and Earl Redmond, both of New York City; step-son, Lawrence Redmond, of Jacksonville; other relatives.

Dr. Redmond will rest at the residence for the visitation of friends from 10:30 this morning until the hour of the services. The remains will not be viewed at the church following the eulogy. Active and honorary pallbearers, selected from the organizations with which Dr. Redmond was af-

filiated, are requested to meet at the residence at 1:45 p.m.

Interment will be on the family plot in Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Holmes and West Funeral Home, 2719 W. Edgewood Avenue.

## Dr. J. M. Ponder

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Funeral services were held here for Dr. James Maxie Ponder, the first Negro to practice medicine in St. Petersburg.

Dr. Ponder, who began practicing medicine here in 1926, died following a long illness. He was city physician until he retired in 1951.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Fannye Ayer Ponder, 78; Ernest, ~~his~~ foster daughter, Mrs. Florine G. Fisher, and three grandchildren.

# A. Bruce McClure, Ohio Legislator

CINCINNATI, Ohio — State Representative McClure, a four-term member of the Ohio Legislature, died at the Jewish Hospital, where he had been a patient about six weeks.

McClure was elected to his first term as a State Representative in 1950. A Republican, he was nominated earlier this year to seek his fifth term.

In 1955, McClure was rumored as a possible successor to Cincinnati's Jesse D. Locker, who died when serving as U. S. Ambassador to Liberia. McClure and Locker were law partners when Locker was a Cincinnati councilman.

AGAIN, JUST last year, political circles here were talking of McClure as the possible recipient of a Federal judicial appointment in the Virgin Islands.

During his eight years in the House, McClure served on the Finance and Education Committees and as chairman of the welfare section of the finance committee.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jewel Smith McClure; two children, Alvin Bruce, 5, and Judith Ellen, 2; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bruce McClure, Madisonville; two sisters, Mrs. Leroy Mitchell, Gary, Ind., and Mrs. Gladys Tillotson, Cincinnati, and one brother, Harold McClure, Cincinnati.

*10-25-58*  
Cleo Desmond

LOS ANGELES — Cleo Desmond, 70, pioneer actress and star of the famous Lafayette Players of New York City, was buried in Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery here.

Miss Desmond died in Community Hospital, San Diego, after an illness that lasted several years.

Born Minnie Hatfield in Philadelphia, Pa., she assumed the stage name of Cleo Desmond when she joined the old Williams and Walker Company and toured Europe. Later she joined the Lafayette Players, whose per-

formers created stage acts which were called the "cradle of New York drama."

Years later, Miss Desmond toured this country with Mae West for two seasons. She was a member of the Motion Pictures Guild in Hollywood.

## William E. Ferman

NEW YORK—William E. Ferman, business agent of the Harlem Labor Union for the past 17 years, has been interred in Mount Hoe Cemetery. Mr. Ferman fell victim to a heart attack. He was a 33° Mason in Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 454 West 155th St. A native of Chattanooga, Tenn., Mr. Ferman had worked as an organizer with Local 138 of the Teamsters Union before joining the Harlem Labor Union. Under his jurisdiction the union grew from 150 members to over 1,000. The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ida Ferman, of Elmsford, N. Y.

## Vernon Gray

LOS ANGELES—The many relatives and friends of Vernon Robert Grey of 2272 W. 25th St., mourn his death.

Mr. Gray, husband of Mrs. Mabel V. Gray, died at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital. Funeral services, under the direction of Dr. William Hornaday and the Rev. George Bendall of the First Church of Religious Science were held at Angelus Funeral Home Saturday.

Special Taborian services were held last Friday under the direction of Pride of the West Temple 4 of the Taborian order, at the family home, where his body lay in state.

## Clarence S. Ross

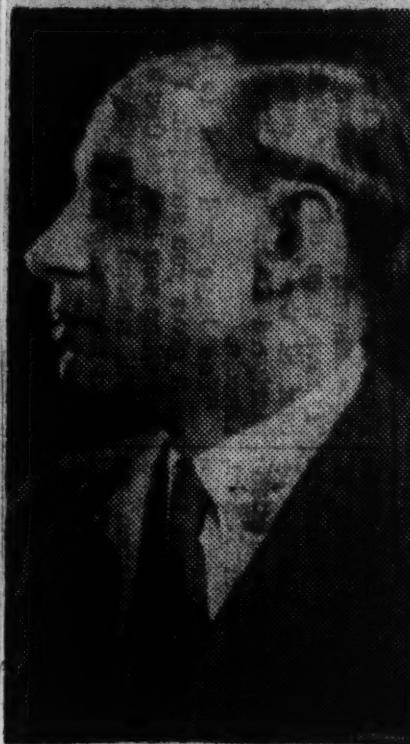
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. — Clarence Samuel Ross Sr., died last week. Flags on government buildings were flown at half mast when the funeral was held Friday in Rankin Chapel, Howard University. Dr. Mordecai Johnson,

## GENERAL

Mr. Ross served as instructor president of Howard, officiated at Prairie View State College, Tex.; A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C.; Savannah State College, Savannah, Ga., and South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, S. C., and as principal of the William Memorial High School, St. Matthew, S. C., and the Guinyard Elementary School, St. Matthew.

Judge Cobb leaves no survivors, but a multitude of friends.

## Remembered



### ROBERT L. VANN

Eighteen years ago, Robert L. Vann, builder of The Courier and leader of his people, passed to his reward. The concept of service which he defined has remained with those who were his co-workers and his friends. We continue to mourn his loss, but we recognize a sort of immortality in the guidance he gave by keeping to the course he charted for us.

## Clarence Jones

CHICAGO—Detective Clarence Jones Jr., 60, died Friday, apparently of a heart attack, in his home at 7045 Michigan Ave.

A member of the Chicago Police Department since March 1924, he had earned three creditable mentions and one extra compensation.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Maxine Bills, Mrs. Iola Bright and Mrs. Valjean Ortique. The wake was held in the chapel at 7350 Cottage Grove and services were held at Cosmopolitan Church Monday morning.

## Judge James Cobb

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Obituaries

# Rev. T. L. Puryear, Former CIAA Prexy

EAST ORANGE, N. J. — The Rev. Thomas Langston Puryear, who was a minister, professor and social worker in more than 40 years of public service in New Jersey and Virginia was buried in Newark, N. J. He was 68 years old.

Mr. Puryear was a former dean of men and athletic director at Virginia State College in Petersburg, executive secretary of the New Jersey Urban League, and the first manager of the Prudential Insurance Co.'s Douglass-Harrison Apartments in Newark, N. J.

IN 1914, he went to Virginia State, where as football coach, he became president of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Mr. Puryear was one of the founders, in 1942, of St. Matthew AME Church in Orange, N. J., and was the church's first pastor. He later pastored St. Mark's AME Church, East Orange, before he was recalled to Virginia.

The minister was a member of the NAACP, heading several financial drives for the Oranges and Maplewood, N. J., branch. He also was a member of the YMCA and a charter member of the Northern New Jersey chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pauline Sims Puryear; two sons, Thomas, Jr., of East Orange and Paul L., assistant professor of political science at the Norfolk Division of Virginia State; a brother, Benjamin F. of Clarksville, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Carrie Overby, also of Clarksville, and two grandchildren, Thomas L. III and David A.

Also surviving are three brothers-in-law, AME Bishop David Henry Sims of Philadelphia, the Rev. Dr. George T. Sims of Cleveland and the Rev. Dr. Yancey L. Sims of Princeton, N. J., and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Miriam S. Tookes of Philadelphia.

## Dr. Sadie Yancey

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Dr. Sadie M. Yancey, dean of women at Howard University, died in Freedmen's Hospital last week following an illness which had kept her hospitalized for the better part of two years. She was 51. A native of Lexington, Ky., Dean Yancey joined the student personnel staff at Howard in 1952. Prior to that time, she had served as dean of students at Florida A. and M. University in Tallahassee.

Dean Yancey held membership in numerous civic and professional organizations. She had served as secretary of the Southern College Personnel Association, executive committee member of the American College Personnel Association, delegate assembly member of the American Guidance and Personnel Association, contact representative of the National Association of Deans of Women, chairman of the 20th annual conference of the National Council of Negro Women, president of the National Association of Personnel Workers and a director of the Washington chapter of the American Association of University Women. She held membership in Pi Lambda Theta, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Delta Gamma professional societies and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a social organization. In April, 1955, the Kentucky State Teachers Association cited Dean Yancey "for her contribution and service to the development of young people."

Dean Yancey was the daughter of the late Charles H. and Minnie C. Yancey of Lexington. She was a member of St. Paul AME Church in Lexington and was affiliated with Metropolitan AME Church in Washington.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Y. Mitchell of Lexington and Mrs. Thelma Y. Holliday of Washington.

## GENERAL

### Alva L. Bates

CHICAGO (ANP) — Funeral services were held for Alva L. Bates, 69, a lawyer here for 43 years.

Mr. Bates, a native of Bridgetown, Barbados, British West Indies, served as assistant state's attorney in 1921 and was assistant attorney general from 1941 through 1948. He was the Republican nominee for associate judge of the Municipal Court in 1940 and 1938. He was the first assistant to the probate judge in Cook County and served two terms as president of the Cook County Bar Association and two terms as treasurer of the National Bar Association.

### Dr. John A. Turner

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP) — Dr. John A. Turner, 57, chief of oral surgery at Howard University's school of dentistry, was buried here last week. Dr. Turner was the first Negro accepted as a member of the District of Columbia Dental Society. He had taught at Howard University for 31 years and was also chief of oral surgery at Freedmen's Hospital and attending oral surgeon at D. C. General Hospital.

### Judge Ben Moore

HOT SPRINGS, Va. (ANP) — A U. S. district court judge who was instrumental in settling a school desegregation case (in 1955) died last week. Judge Ben Moore, 67, a Roosevelt appointee, died shortly after his arrival to play golf with friends. When the NAACP brought suit to compel the Greenbrier County (W. Va.) school board to "proceed immediately" with desegregation, Judge Moore ruled that the board had been "derelict in not acting before" and recommended it proceed with integration at the end of the school term. He was a native of Charleston, W. Va.

### Mrs. Lena Roberts

NEW YORK (ANP) — Mrs. Lena Roberts, well-known singer of former days and wife of composer Luckey Roberts, died at Francis Delafield Hospital here Thursday. Lena was popular among some of the foremost peo-

ple in New York City during the days when her husband, Luckey Roberts, was kept busy playing for social affairs among the "400." Her funeral was held at St. Philip's Church. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Billy Butler.

### Dr. John H. Lewis

ATLANTA — Dr. John H. Lewis, president of Morris Brown College passed in a local hospital Friday evening Oct. 3. The well-known educator and minister was serving his eighth year as president of the AME college. Prior to coming to Morris Brown Dr. Lewis served as principal of Dunbar High School in Little Rock, Ark., and as dean of Payne Theological Seminary Wilberfoce, Ohio. He also pastored churches in California and Arkansas. Native of Ellaville, Ga., Dr. Lewis was educated at Morris Brown College and Yale and Chicago Universities.

# Grim Reaper's Toll

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For whom did the bells toll during 1957? Among them was the Rev. Albert E. Shadd, 69, of Washington. The former bishop of the United Holy Church married Father Divine and his blonde bride in 1946.

Others who answered the call of the Grim Reaper were:

JOHN R. LOGAN SR., 73, dean of Philadelphia clergy. He died May 6 from injuries received in an automobile accident on April 28. The clergymen was rector emeritus of the South Cypress Episcopal Church.

RIVERS CHAMBERS, 55, prominent Baltimore musician. He died May 14. He succumbed during a performance shortly after playing "Ole Man Rose Is Dead."

MISS GWENDOLYN HARRIS, 24, of East Orange, N.J. She died in August while under anesthetics in a dental chair. A model, also a registered nurse, Miss Harris was scheduled to become the first colored airline hostess for TWA.

JOHN L. WHITEHEAD, 64, treasurer-business manager at St. Paul's Polytechnique Institute in Lawrenceville, Va., for 10 years, succumbed in September.

Honorary president of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association which he helped found, Mr. Whitehead had been associated with the college for 41 years.

JOHN PURCELL, 77, pioneer educator in Virginia, died in Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore in September. He was named Virginia State College

Dad in 1950.

The educator also founded St. Johns Chapel Church in Courtland, Va., in 1900. He had lived in Baltimore since 1954.

DR. G. LAKE IMES, 74, of Baltimore and Washington died in Washington with a heart condition in September. The teacher - lecturer - administrator worked with Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute for a quarter of a century.

THE RT. REV. EDWARD T. DEMBRY, 83, of Cleveland died in October. He was a native of Wilmington, Del. Prior to his

death, he was the only living colored bishop in the Episcopal Church in America.

FRANK (FAY) YOUNG, 73, of Chicago, dean of colored sportswriters, died in November after over 50 years as a writer for newspapers and magazines.

WALTER (SHYSTER) TURNER, 63, of Washington died on Nov. 10. He had been employed by the Government for over 32 years. His wife, a retired principal, is prominent in the District.

MRS. MARY BANKS, 91, of Richmond died in December. She was prominent in church circles. She was married to Jackson Banks for 71 years.

MRS. BEATRICE WEST LEWIS, 60, of Washington died Nov. 18. A Tri-State Elk leader, she had been associated with the organization for over 30 years.

DR. EMMETT J. SCOTT SR., 64, of Washington died on Dec. 11. For 22 years he was Booker T. Washington's personal secretary at Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute and was the first colored aide to the Secretary of War.

DR. PETER D. JOHNSON, 52, member of the Howard University medical school faculty and Freedmen's Hospital staff, died on Dec. 13.

JOHN H. CARTER, 46, of Atlantic City was killed in a highway crash on Route 301 on Dec. 16. The funeral home owner was prominent in social and civic life.

BEFORE DEATH — Miss Gwendolyn Harris of East Orange, N.J., didn't live to see these pictures that she

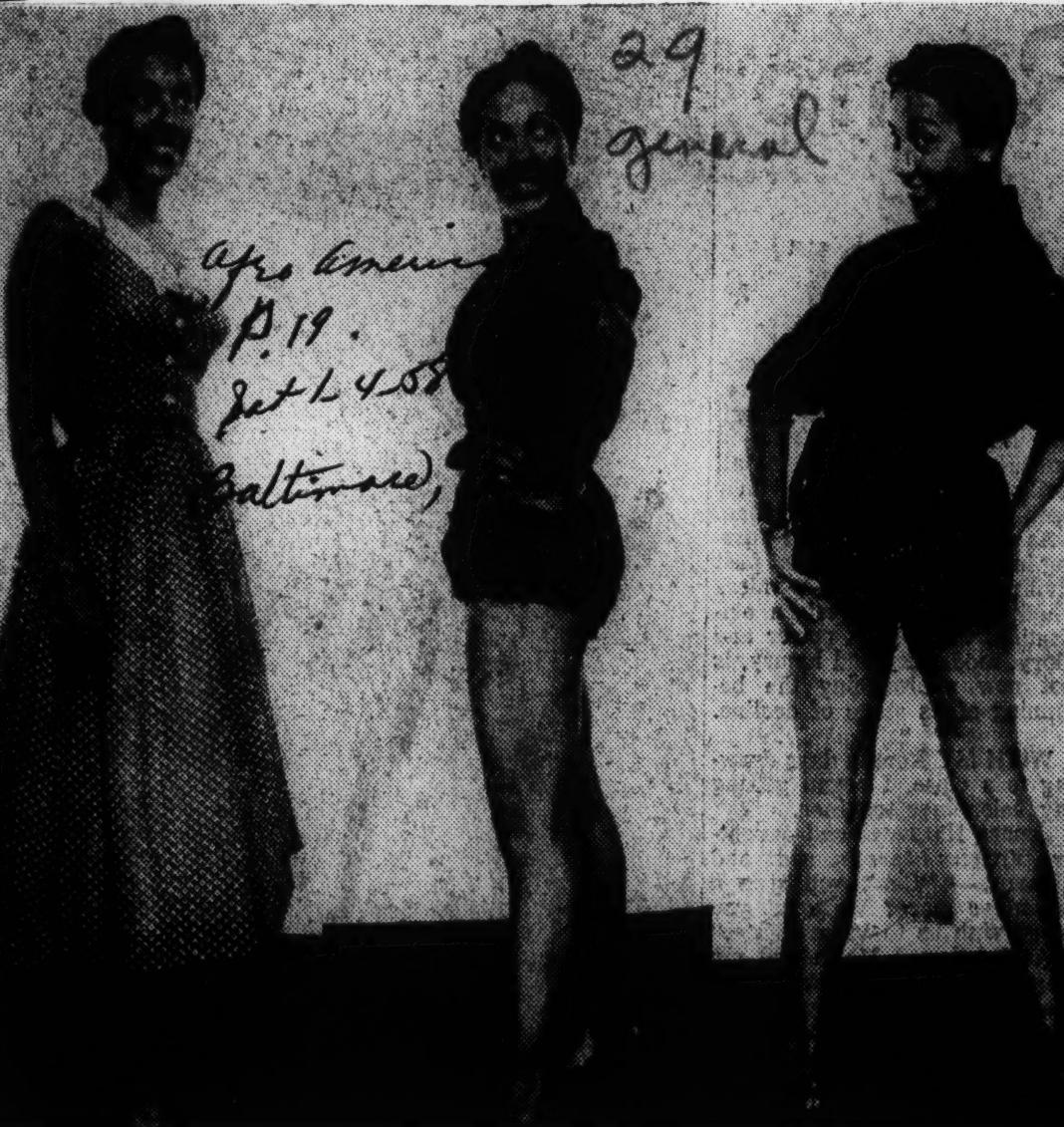
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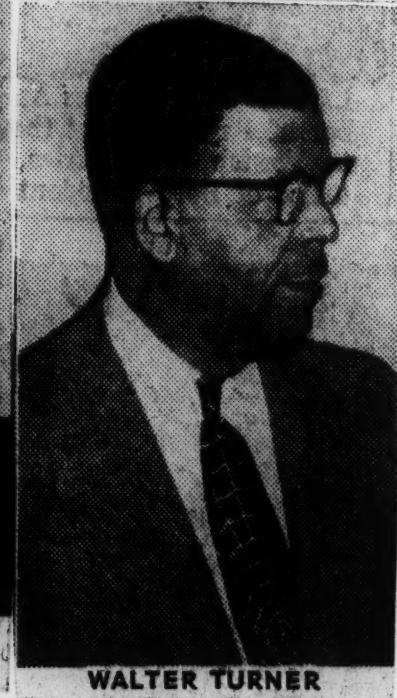
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# Dr. A. G. Macklin Leader in Education

PETERSBURG, Va.—Dr. A. G. Macklin, director of the division of basic education at Virginia State College, Petersburg, was buried here last week in Blanford Cemetery.

A native of Roanoke, Dr. Macklin became a member of the faculty of Virginia State College in 1939 after serving as principal of the Addison High School in Roanoke. He was also a high school counsellor for the Virginia State Department of Education.

In 1951 Dr. Macklin became director of the newly created division of basic education. He was a member of the Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Phi Kappa honorary scholastic fraternities, Mystic Order of Shrine, Omega Psi Phi and Sigma Pi Phi fraternities. He was a life member in the Virginia Teachers Association and the National Educational Association.

Dr. Macklin was a member of the committee appointed by Virginia State Superintendent of Public Instruction which planned the general education requirements for all Virginia colleges. He was listed by the U. S. Office of Education as a leader in general education in America. He was the former chairman of the Commission on Colleges and Universities and the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Hortense Tonsler Macklin; a daughter, Angela Macklin; his mother, Mrs. Pauline Macklin of Roanoke; a sister, Mrs. Cornelius Jones, Roanoke; three brothers, Theodore and Albert Macklin of Roanoke and Joseph Macklin of Washington, D. C.

Dr. Zachary Hubert

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Dr. Zachary T. Hubert, former president of Jackson College (Miss.) and Langston University (Okla.) has been interred at Mayfield, Ga. He was one of 12 children of the late Zack Hubert of Mayfield.

Dr. Hubert was a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., and Amherst College (Mass.).



Dr. Macklin

In 1910 he was elected to the presidency of Jackson College, where he served for 17 years, leaving this post in 1927 to become president of Langston University, which institution he served for four years.

Returning to his home state of Georgia he became affiliated with the U. S. Agricultural Extension Service as assistant state club agent until illness forced his retirement in 1945.

The deceased is survived by three sons, Prof. Giles A. Hubert of Dillard University, New Orleans; Zachary T. Hubert Jr. of Chicago, and Wilson P. Hubert of Savannah. He is also survived by two brothers, James, formerly executive director of the New York Urban League, and Theodore, New York City, and three sisters, Mmes. Mable Warner of Atlanta, Lucy Bolling of Chicago, and Esther Griffin of Tampa, Fla.

## Dr. Horace Dwiggins

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (ANP)—Dr. Horace Greeley Dwiggins, 49, noted ophthalmologist and chief of that service at the Tuskegee Veterans Administration Hospital, died at his home in Tuskegee following a heart attack.

From 1947-48 Dr. Dwiggins was a resident in ophthalmology at the Provident Hospital, Chicago. During the same period he was a fellow in ophthalmology at the University of Illinois.

Since 1942 he had served as the chief of ophthalmologist at the Tuskegee Veterans Hospital and had conducted an accredited residency program in ophthalmology since 1951. Dr. Dwiggins also served as consultant at the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital, the Alabama State Department of Rehabilitation and the Alabama Sight Conservation Association.

He is survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter, Gay Louise, by a former marriage, and a host of friends. Dr. Dwiggins was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, a 33rd Degree Mason and a member of the Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church.

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## Rev. Leon Moore

MERCHANTVILLE, N. J.—Last rites for the Rev. Leon S. Moore, former pastor of Haven Methodist Church of Philadelphia and superintendent of the Philadelphia district, were held at Peniel Methodist Church, Thursday, with scores of members of the Methodist General Conference present.

The Rev. Mr. Moore also pastored St. Daniel's Methodist Church in Chester, Pa., for 19 years before assuming the pulpit at Haven. He was pastor at Haven for seven and one-half years. He had previously pastored churches in Dover, Del., and in another nearby area.

He had served as a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church in 1944-48-52 and 1956. He had been active as a member of the Delaware Tuberculosis Society; Chester (Pa.) Housing Authority; YMCA board member, Chester and Philadelphia, and NAACP board member, Chester and Philadelphia.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lilian Washington Moore; two daughters, Mmes. Dorothy Marbury and Leon Young; one son, Winfield; three sisters, Mmes. Bessie Henry, Carrie Jones and Pauline Kelly, and a brother, Grafton L.

Interment was in Whatcoat Cemetery, Dover, Del.

## Edward J. Barrett

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Edward J. Barrett, 83, died at his residence, 21 Savage St. Funeral service was held at the Mazyck Funeral Home. He sold newspapers for nearly 60 years. He also operated concessions aboard ships of the Clyde-Mallory Line. He is survived by a son, four daughters, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## William Morton

NEW ORLEANS, La.—William (Billie) Morton, 1935 All-American end of the Xavier University football team, who trained thousands of New Orleans youngsters as an athletic coach and who died as the result of bullets fired by an unknown gunman in New Orleans, was buried last week.

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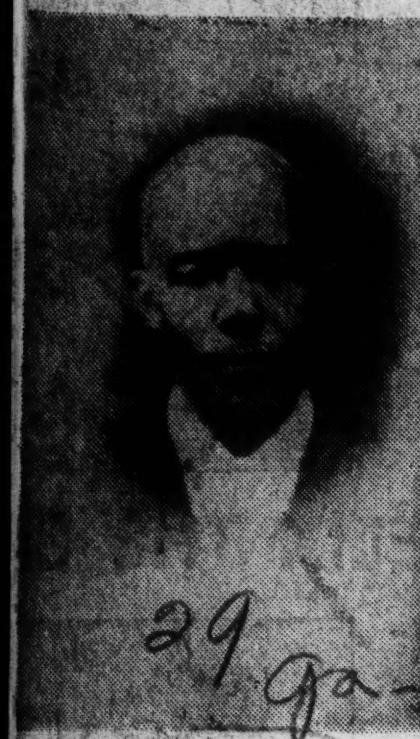
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**Funeral Services For  
Prof. S. H. Lee In  
Macon, Georgia**



**PROF. S. H. LEE**  
Macon, Ga.

Prof. Sanford H. Lee, pioneer citizen of Macon, Ga., and a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, died at his home, 904 Plant St., Macon, Ga., Saturday, January 13, 1958, and will be funeralized Thursday, January 16, from Steward Chapel A. M. E. Church, Macon, Ga., at 10:00 a. m. Rev. George C. Sapp, officiating, assisted by ministers. Burial will be in Lincoln Cemetery, Atlanta, Ga., between the hour of 3:30 and 4:00 p. m. Thursday.

Prof. Lee, upon completion of his study at Tuskegee, engaged in the live-stock care, specializing in poultry. During his career, he held positions as agent for the Rosenwald Fund, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Prior to his long spell of illness, he was agent for Stark Bros. Nursery and Orchards. In the early thirties, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Jereleen Hawkins of Atlanta, Ga., a former Atlanta public school teacher, by the Rev. W. B. L. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Lee made their home in Macon, Ga., where Mr. Lee was employed. Cen- City Funeral Home, Macon, charge and Ivey Bros., Atlanta, assisted.

**Sanford Henry Lee**

# Retired Teacher Buried in Macon

MACON, Ga.—Funeral services were held for Prof. Sanford Henry Lee, a former school teacher and extension agent until his retirement in 1948.

A native of Alabama, Prof. Lee resided in Macon since 1928. He was a graduate of Tuskegee Institute and taught in Forsyth, Ga., later serving as a Georgia Extension Agent.

HE WAS a member of Steward Chapel A.M.E. Church, holding the positions of Steward, superintendent of the Sunday school, church clerk, president of the Senior Choir, Dunbar Literary Club vice-president and a member of the Allen Brotherhood.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Jereleen H. Lee; sisters: Mary Ella Lee, Mrs. Bessie Gainor and Mrs. Dovie McCollough of Newark, N. J.; brothers: Macomb, Supilla, Okla. and K. L. Lee, Abbeville, Ala.; nieces: Mrs. Irene Shipman and nephews: Fred and Robert Gainor, all of Newark.

The funeral was conducted from Steward Chapel A.M.E. Church. Graveside rites were held at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Atlanta, Ga.

Retired Atlanta Educator Dies

Miss Carrie L. Chatman, well-known retired Atlanta educator, died Tuesday at about 10:30 pm at her residence, 496 Magnolia St. S.E. after a long illness.

Miss Chatman was a teacher and assistant principal in the Atlanta Public School System for many years before she was retired by the school board in September, 1944. She was a life-long resident of Atlanta and a graduate of Atlanta University and New York University where she received the master's degree.

Her illustrious career as an edu-

**GEORGIA**

**FIRST RURAL TEACHER . . .**

At the age of 13, in order to help support the large Badger family, she began teaching school in rural communities around Atlanta, particularly in Athens, Georgia.

On graduation from the normal department of Atlanta University, she received an appointment to teach in the Atlanta community known as Pittsburg. Her first school was an abandoned street-car in a vacant lot.

In succeeding years, Mrs. Pittman became principal of Pittsburg Public School, the name of which was changed to W. H. Crookman Public School in honor of the former distinguished educator associated with Clark College. Under her supervision, two generations of Pittsburg children were educated. And in tribute to her long service the City of Atlanta, on petition of the residents of Pittsburg, named the Pittsburg recreation area Pittman Park.

Mrs. Pittman was a member of the First Congregational Church, the Atlanta Inter-racial Commission, and a charter member of the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She was active throughout her life, until she became ill, in women's civic organizations, and in effort to win the right to vote for Negroes and to improve relations between the Negro and white communities.

# Mrs. Pittman, Former Atlanta Principal, Dies

NEW YORK — Mrs. Carrie Badger Pittman, former principal of W. H. Crookman Public School in Atlanta died here early Monday of heart failure. She was 86 years old.

Mrs. Pittman had been in ill health since 1950.

Funeral services Friday from the Howard D. McGill Chapel, 248 W. 132nd St., were led by Rev. Dr. Herbert King of Grace Congregational Church. Interment was at Ferncliff Cemetery in Westchester County.

Surviving are her son, John Pittman, and two grandchildren, Carol, 6, and John Peter, 4, of San Francisco, California; a sister, Miss Lilla Badger, of Brooklyn, New York; and two nephews, Dr. Willis N. Cummings of New York City, and Claybert Badger Robinson of San Francisco.

Mrs. Pittman was born May 21, 1871, the fifth child of Dr. Robert and Caroline Badger, at the Old Badger residence on Clifford Street N. E., and resides there until she left for New York in 1951.

# FDR's Georgia Negro cook dies

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., April 23—(AP)—The Negro woman who cooked President Franklin Roosevelt's first and last meals at the Little White House in Warm Springs died.

Daisy Bonner, who cooked for the famous man for 20 years whenever he was in Warm Springs, died just 18 years and 10 days after his death. She had been in ill health for several years. The cause of death was not announced.

Daisy once scribbled on the kitchen wall of the Little White House she cooked "the first and the last" for the late president.

Guides still point out the inscription to visitors.

# Mrs. Ida F. Henderson Pioneer Citizen, Passes

By Thomas Jefferson Flanagan

Mrs. Ida Franklin Henderson, well known Atlanta and wife of local realty operator Rogers Henderson, passed at Hughes Spalding Pavilion Tuesday after a lingering illness. Her death comes as a shock to her many relatives, friends and co-workers in the churches, societies and various charities in which she was interested.

With her husband, she was associated with the Henderson Realty Company, one of the pioneer realty organizations on Auburn Avenue.

Mrs. Ida Franklin Henderson was born in LaGrange, Ga., where she attended public school. For some time she was engaged in the teaching profession in her native Troup County.

Coming to Atlanta in the early 1900's she at once began work in the Liberty Baptist Church on Jackson Street. Beginning in the

days of the late Dr. J. Warren Jackson, she was one to come up alongside the ranks of that great church. Sunday School teacher and holding many other offices in the gift of her church, she made an enviable reputation in the social, civic and political circles of the city and state.

After her marriage to Mr. Rogers Henderson, she was engaged with him in the realty operations of that firm. She graduated from Morris Brown College and never failed to respond to the appeals sent out by her alma mater. She was able to do much for the young men and women seeking the means of obtaining an education.

Among the many, many organizations on her agenda the mention of the Eastern Star, YWCA, National Federation of Women's Clubs, the auxiliary of National Baptist organization and past pres-

# Atlanta Recording Star

World, Atlanta, Ga. Fri 4/11/58

## Chuck Willis Succumbs

Chuck Willis, Atlanta-born blues singer, whose recording of "C. C. Rider" rocketed him to national stardom, died early Thursday morning in a local hospital where he had been confined for several days for treatment of an ulcer.



CHUCK WILLIS

The acclaimed "Sheik of the Blues" and "King of the Stroll" passed at 1:30 a.m. He was 30 years old.

Willis was hospitalized March 26, five days before his latest record, "Don't Want to Hang Up My Rock and Roll Shoes" and "What Am I Living For?", was given a premiere in Atlanta. He was originally scheduled to release the record in Philadelphia, Pa.

The singer had suffered from an ulcer condition for sometime, according to his road manager, Charles Shackelford, of 279 West Lake Drive. Shackelford said he had received constant treatment but his ailment was not serious enough to force him to quit his brilliant career which started in 1945 when he was 18.

### INSPIRED BY JORDAN

Shows, carnivals and other local festivities formed stepping stones for Willis who was determined to follow in the path of Louis Jordan whose recording of "Buzz Me, Buzz Me, Baby" was constant inspiration for the Atlantan.

When Willis became a recognized professional in 1952, he put on the national blues market his renditions of "Don't Deceive Me" and "You're Still My Baby."

Two years later blues enthusiasts were swinging to his recordings of "My Story," "Too Late," "Juanita," "What're You Going to Do," and "When Your Baby Leaves You."

His rise to national stardom reached a peak in 1956 when he released "C. C. Rider," a song

which had been banned earlier in many cities.

The turban-wearing "Sheik" perhaps will best be remembered for his styling of the song which tells the story of a "pimp" in Chicago. Almost equaling the prominence he gave "C. C. Rider" was another hit, "Betty And Dupree," the story of the romance of two Atlanta lovers.

Shackelford said Willis had recorded several other tunes which will probably be released sometime after his funeral which has not been definitely scheduled.

When in Atlanta, Willis lived with his wife and two children, Wanda, 4, and Cynthia, 2, at 75 Anderson Avenue, N.W.

### FORMER BANDLEADER

Willis led his own band in 1954 and 1955. However, he elected to disband the aggregation following an ulcer attack which confined him to bed here for about two months in 1955.

"When he recovered, he went out as a single and worked with the Roy Gaines band for more than two years," Shackelford related.

The "Sheik's" last engagement was in Trenton, N. J., on March 22.

He was the son of the late Mrs. Rosie Lee Willis of Atlanta and Willie J. Willis, Sr., now of Detroit, Mich. He attended the old Yonge Street School here.

Included among other survivors are: Willie J. Willis, Jr., brother; Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, sister; Nathaniel Willis, brother; and other relatives and friends.

President Roosevelt's Warm Springs, Georgia Cook For 20 Years Dies

WARM SPRINGS, Ga. (A)

Daisy Bonner, the Negro cook who served President Franklin D. Roosevelt's first and last meal at the Little White House in Warm Springs, died Tuesday.

She had been in ill health several years. The cause of death was not announced.

She died 13 years and 10 days after the death of Roosevelt for whom she cooked 20 years, preparing his favorite dishes whenever he was at Warm Springs.

Daisy always said she longed to "reach the top of my talent . . . so someday I might be president of cooking."

### Dr. Lewis dies

ATLANTA - Dr. John H. Lewis, president of Morris Brown College, died here Friday at a local hospital. He was serving his 8th year as head of the ABE Institution.

Formerly principal of Dunbar High School, Little Rock, he was a graduate of Morris Brown and earned his higher degrees at Yale University.

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Women's Club would mildly touch  
her labors in civic, health, rehabil-  
itation, Community Chest, and  
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work in the state and nation.

The Hendersons were married in  
Atlanta, Ga., in October 1906. Mrs.  
Henderson is survived by her hus-  
band, Rogers Henderson; a sister,  
Mrs. Louvenia Berry of Tampa.

**Funeral Sat. In  
California For  
Blayton Sr.'s Mother**

Mrs. Mattie E. Ayers, 85, mother  
of J. B. Blayton, Sr., owner Radio  
Station WERD and president of  
Mutual Federal, will be interred Saturday  
in Los Angeles, California.  
Time for the funeral is 1 p.m.

Mrs. Ayers, who was in apparent  
good health, died Tuesday. She  
was the mother of 12 children,  
seven of whom survive her.

Among her surviving children are  
Dr. James B. Blayton, of Williams-  
burg, N.C., and Benjamin Blayton,  
druggist.

Mr. Blayton plans to attend the  
funeral, and will leave Atlanta this  
afternoon. Any expressions may be  
sent to him at 1127 E. 4th Street  
in Los Angeles.

Out of respect for the passing of  
Mrs. Ayers, the board of directors  
of Mutual Federal directed that an  
appropriate resolution of sympathy  
and floral be sent to the family.

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*Atlanta, Ga.*

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## Carrie B. Pittman

A few days ago death removed from our ranks another member of the "last battalion" in our pioneer educational endeavors.

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A disciple of faith, a bright star in the educational elements and one who carried throughout her life and works the torch of purity and unselfishness, would be mild statements in an appraisal of the worth of Carrie B. Pittman, whose name was a veritable household word in this city and state a generation ago.

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In early girlhood, Carrie B. Pittman took up the work of education. One of the early graduates of Atlanta University, it was hers to enter the field, clad with the needed preparation.

*Atlanta, Ga.*  
From humble status to the principalship of the Crogman Elementary School, her influence has been felt in this state and city. She carried with her the sunshine of peace which made the wholesome environment in which she was able to build so happy the youth that came within the scope of her duties.

One of the last of the "Mohicans," who wrought better than he knew on this front, she will be remembered among those white-souled patriots who helped to blaze through the wilderness this shining trail for modern youth.

Eternal peace be to her ashes.

## Harold (Chuck) Willis, Musician, Passes

While the nation's music fans and other admirers of one who fused into modern song an original tenor of his own, were mourning the passing of W. C. Handy, King of the Blues, taps were rung for Chuck Willis, Atlanta born Rock and Roll Star.

*Mar 12 29*  
The nationally known concert master and composer of many themes succumbed this week after abdominal surgery in a hospital. Like Paul Laurence Dunbar, who himself died in his thirties, he was not able to come to the ripe fruitage of what promised to be a laudable contribution in the field he chose.

*Atlanta, Ga.*  
Like Mahan Anderson, who belongs altogether to another school, he started out singing in choirs and at public functions and himself a real master in his own right.

When "Rock and Roll" was in its embryonic stage, he was among those who registered it on the forum of popular music. The entertainment and enlightenment of the old as well as the young.

*29 Ga*  
His compositions brought him great success and by sheer skill and courage he traveled around the United States and appeared on the American Bandstand Television Shows.

His "Betty Dupree" and "O What A Dream" will disk around in the hearts of thousands of the lovers of this popular vein for many years to come. "Chuck" Willis goes to his long rest, but his baton will still beat the air.

# Body Of College Professor Found Following Search

## Morehouse Teacher Failed To Appear At Two Affairs

By EDDIE WILLIAMS

Dr. Geraldine L. Clark, Morehouse College professor, was found dead in her apartment on the campus Sunday night by a group of her colleagues who had become alarmed when she failed to attend two college affairs.

Detectives said the body of Dr. Clark was found in her apartment.

*Mar 12 29*  
Dr. Clark, head of the Remedial Reading Program at Morehouse was found lying on the bed at her up-hill apartment at 862 Fair St. by Mrs. Lief J. Cain, Atlanta public school teacher, also of an apartment. She had apparently been at 862 Fair St. SW. Mrs. Cain said she saw Miss Clark at

*Atlanta, Ga.*  
AUTOPSY PERFORMED about 3:30 p.m. and later heard an autopsy into the cause of the woman's death was night.

being conducted Monday under the auspices of the Fulton County a Sunday morning paper in the Coroners' office, it was not completed apartment.

and there was no information concerning the investigation.

The deceased was found by Mrs. James Haines and Mrs. William Nix, wives of Morehouse staff members, who had gone to the apartment along with their husbands and Wendell Whalum, also of the college faculty. Dr. Clark reportedly lived in the apartment alone.

### NO ANSWER

Dets. W. B. Blackwell and J. F. Inman quoted members of the investigating party as saying there was no answer to a knock at Dr. Clark's front door. They said the screen was locked but that the door appeared to be open.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse, was summoned to the apartment and gained access to the building through a back

gate and advanced degrees in English from Spelman and Atlanta University in 1943 and 1945, respectively. She received her doctorate from the University of Chicago. Dr. Mays said she had been at the college "10 or 12 years." At her death she was heading the Remedial English Program.

A native of Pine Bluff, Ark., Miss Clark is the daughter of the late Reverend and Mrs. J. F. Clark, also of Pine Bluff. She has a sister, Mrs. H. V. Eagleson, of Washington, D. C. It was reported that Mrs. Eagleson had been notified of Dr. Clark's death. Funeral arrangements had not been completed.

Dr. Clark earned undergrad-

MR. BENJAMIN F. HUBERT, former head of the Tuskegee Institute School of Agriculture and nationally known for the development of the agricultural center at Log Cabin, Georgia, died at his home in Georgia April 30. He was President of Georgia State College after leaving Tuskegee Institute.

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Tuskegee Institute

## Negro Leader Hubert Dies

Dr. Benjamin F. Hubert, 69, state Negro leader and founder of the Log Cabin Community Center for Negroes near Mayfield, died Tuesday in an Atlanta hospital. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

Dr. Hubert, a former president of Savannah State College, founded the center in the early 1930s to make farm life attractive to Negroes. It includes its own schools, churches and cooperatives.

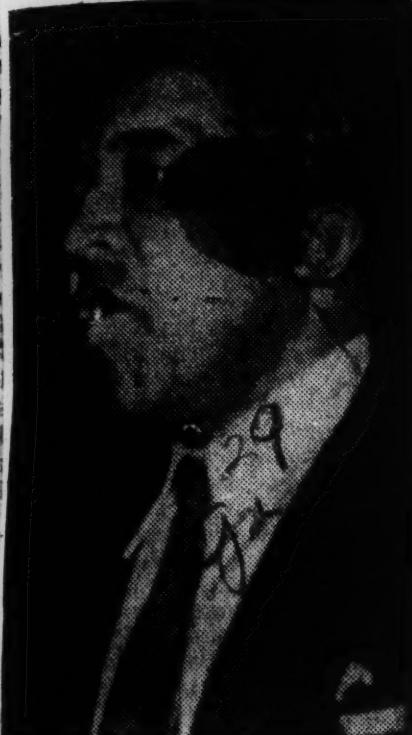
The center includes a program training teachers for the farm children in the community. Emphasis placed on production of cattle there after the introduction of the best registered stock by Dr. Hubert is credited with influencing Negro farming practices over the south.

Carey Williams, editor and publisher of the Greensboro Herald-Journal, once termed Dr. Hubert Georgia's Booker T. Washington. The editor said Dr. Hubert had done more to solve the problem of Negro betterment than any other person in the country.

Dr. Hubert, one of 12 children of the late Zachary Hubert, all of whom received a college education, suffered a stroke about five years ago. He had been in a Greensboro hospital for a long period, coming to Atlanta for treatment about 12 days ago.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Community Center. Burial will be in the family cemetery at Mayfield.

Dr. Hubert, who never married, is survived by three brothers, James H. and Theodore R. Hubert, New York City; Z. T. Hubert II, Savannah, and three sisters, Mrs. C. E. Warner Sr., Atlanta; Mrs. E. L. Griffin, Tampa, Fla., and Mrs. Lucy Bolling, Chicago.



DR. BENJAMIN F. HUBERT

## Dr. B. F. Hubert, Former Savannah State Prexy Dies.

Dr. Benjamin F. Hubert, outstanding educator and promoter of advancement in Negro rural-life, passed at a local hospital Tuesday, April 29. Dr. Hubert had been in poor health for the last three years.

Since his retirement as president of Savannah State College, he spent his time on the farm at Log Cabin Center, Mayfield, Georgia where he found pleasure in dairy and country farming. It was here that he founded the Camilla-Zachary Hubert Community Center, in 1932, as a monument to his parents.

Dr. Hubert is survived by three brothers, James H. Hubert and Theodore R. Hubert, of New York City; Z. T. Hubert II, of Savannah, Ga.; three sisters, Mrs. C. E. Warner Sr., of Atlanta; Mrs. E. L. Griffin, Tampa, Florida; Mrs. Lucy Bolling, of Chicago, Illinois. Other close relatives of the city are Dr. Clinton E. Warner, Dr. Ross Douth-

ard, Prof. J. G. Hubert Jr. and Capt. Community Center for Negroes near Mayfield, Ga., and was a former president of Savannah State College.

Funeral services will be held at the Community Center, Mayfield, Ga., Friday, May 2, 1958. Interment will be in the family cemetery. The body will be in state at Sellers from 5 until 10 p.m. today.

## BENJAMIN F. HUBERT EDUCATOR IN SOUTH

Dr. Benjamin F. Hubert, former president of Georgia State College for Negroes and founder of a rural community center for Negroes, died Tuesday of a cerebral hemorrhage in Memorial Hospital, Atlanta. He was 73 years old.

One of twelve college-educated children of ex-slaves, Dr. Hubert was college president by the time he was 44. As head of George State Industrial College, which later became the State College for Negroes, he served on the National Advisory Committee on Literacy in 1929.

Later, Dr. Hubert became chairman of the Georgia Central Planning Commission. In that post he urged that Negroes be given a greater share in the defense program, including agricultural training.

Dr. Hubert had founded the Log Cabin Community Center as a memorial to his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Hubert, who became landowners after their release from slavery. The center, in Hancock County, Ga., had a health center, camps for children, cooperative stores and model farms where both Negroes and whites learned advanced techniques in agriculture and animal husbandry.

Surviving Dr. Hubert are three brothers, James, Zachary Jr. and Theodore, and three sisters, Mrs. Clinton Warner, Mrs. Guy Bowling and Mrs. Esther Griffin.

## B. F. Hubert, Ga. Leader

ATLANTA, April 30 (AP)—Dr. Benjamin F. Hubert, 69, widely known Georgia Negro leader, died here yesterday of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Dr. Hubert founded the Log

## Mrs. Mamie Tucker, Pioneer Graduate

### Nurse To Be Buried

Mrs. Mamie Tucker, of 165 Logan St., SE, and one of Atlanta's oldest pioneer graduate nurses, passed at Grady Hospital on Friday, May 16.

Mrs. Tucker, who found it necessary to retire a decade ago due to declining health, underwent surgery on May 5 and never recovered.

A graduate of the Morris Brown Nursing School Class of 1912, she engaged only in private duty practice throughout her nursing career and made many lasting friendships of both races, one of which remained faithful until the end.

Mrs. Tucker was a very dependable Christian woman with a high degree of integrity. She had many strong convictions about life and especially her professional ethics.

Mrs. Tucker was a member of Reed Street Baptist Church and had been active before her retirement. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Roselyn Currington, of Atlanta; and Mrs. Irene Hardwick, of Chicago, Ill.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, 2 p.m., at Reed Street Baptist Church.



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(Photos By Perry)

LINE FROM FUNERAL OF DR. LEWIS — Pall-bearers are seen carrying the body of Dr. J. Lewis from Big Bethel Church following

## Morris Brown College President

### Dr. John H. Lewis Funeralized

Dr. John H. Lewis, President of Morris Brown College, was funeralized at Big Bethel A.M.E. Church, Tuesday, October 7. Dr. Lewis passed on last Friday at a local hospital after a brief illness.

When school is out." He paraphrased the glory and beauty of one passing from beneath heavy burdens to run home like a carefree school lad when "school is out." "High honor" was the high point in the life of Dr. Lewis, the bishop proclaimed. "Public funds were a sacred trust with him. He prided his integrity and often warned that there was one thing which no man tampered with and got away with it." *Atlanta*. REID SPOKE Bishop Frank Madison Reid of the Second Episcopal District, spoke of a life lived high above the fogbelt of sincerity, and that integrity

final rites. Hundreds filled the church to pay last tribute to the Morris Brown President. which set men apart from the common herd.

Bishop Sherman L. Greene, senior bishop of the A.M.E. Church, traced a relationship which began when the deceased with him were fellow struggling college presidents and how their work became interwoven in a common cause. "Dr. Lewis was definitely a Fundamentalist," the bishop asserted. "Education was his high point, but he was an aggressive liberal. A man of sterling courage and one who walked with God," the bishop concluded.

Dr. W. B. Stewart, Chairman of the Council of A.M.E. Church College Presidents, Dr. Sherman L. Greene Jr., Secretary Division of Educational Institutions of the A.M.E. Church, Rev. C. I. Knight, Secretary Trustee Board, Morris Brown College; Dr. Robert W. Mance, General Treasurer A.M.E. Church, Dr. W. W. Stephens, president Atlanta Ministers Union, Dr. George L. Hightower, National President, Morris Brown Alumni Association; Dr. H. Ralph Jackson, President A.M.E. Brotherhood; Dr.

George A. Sewell, Dean Turner Seminary; Dr. M. L. King, Baptist Ministers Union; Rev. T. C. Lightfoot, Interdenominational Ministers Alliance; Mr. L. D. Milton, president Citizen Trust Company; Dr. T. D. Jarrett, Atlanta University Center; Dr. L. G. Long, Flipper Temple A.M.E. Church; Dr. P. E. Wilson, Dean Morris College and Dr. H. I. Bearden, pastor Big Bethel A.M.E. Church, all made remarks touching the life and works of Dr. Lewis.

The Benediction was said by Bishop Eugene C. Hatcher of Wilberforce. The final rites were read at Southview Cemetery by Dr. H. I. Bearden.

Among the many who came from out of state were Dr. R. W. Mance, Dr. E. A. Adams, Dr. S. P. Charleston, Dr. A. O. Wilson, Dr. A. G. Gaston, Dr. Pointer, Dr. Charles Spivey, Jr., Bishop Frank Madison Reid, Bishop Eugene C. Hatcher, and others.

#### TWICE PRESIDENT

As Dr. Lewis had the distinction of having served as President of the same institution on two occasions, there was a great demonstration of students and former students of Morris Brown College.

His work at Payne Institute at Cuthbert brought many tender memories and testimonies from Southwest Georgia where he labored long and well.

Huge blankets and flower wreaths decked his last resting place, as those tender tributes left for the late mid autumn sun to remember.

Dr. Lewis was born at Ellaville Georgia.

He served as Dea of Wilberforce School of Religion, prior to coming to Morris Brown College.

A County Training High School at his native Ellaville was named in his honor.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Urnestine Lewis, four sons, John H., Jr., James, Melton and David; a daughter, Mrs. Anita McLendon of Chicago, Ill., and a sister, Miss Masie Lewis.

## Prof. Lampkin, Retired Eastman Leader Dies

Prof. G. L. Lampkin, 80, a retired principal for the Elementary

School, Eastman, Ga., civic leader and a teacher, died Saturday evening, May 2, at the hospital in Eastman, Ga.

Survivors are a wife, Mrs. H. J. Lampkin, six sons, two daughters, 18 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. One son, Arthur J. Lampkin, lives here, at 319 Pine St. N.E.

The funeral will be held Sunday June 1, at 2 p.m. from Mt. Annis Baptist Church. Rev. J. W. Stevenson will officiate. Burial in church yard, Mt. Annis Cemetery.

## Former Jackson College President Is Funeralized

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 1—Funeral rites were held here today for Zachary Taylor Hubert, one time nationally known and prominent educator, and a member of one of the leading Georgia Negro families.

His death was attributed to complication due to his advanced age. Mr. Hubert was the first Negro President of Jackson College, Jackson, Mississippi, a position which he served with outstanding distinction for many years.

## W. S. Hollomon Funeral Rites

### At Bethel A.M.E.

Members and friends will gather at Big Bethel A.M.E. Church, Dr. H. I. Bearden, pastor, at 2:30 p.m. today to pay the final respect to W. S. Hollomon, pioneer businessman of the city, who passed recently in Chicago, Ill.

The eulogy will be delivered by Dr. Bearden. The body will lie in state at the church from 12 noon until the hour of the funeral. No viewing of the remains after the eulogy. Interment will be in South View Cemetery and Sellers Bros. Funeral Home will have charge.

Mr. Hollomon was an active member of Big Bethel where he served as a Trustee, owner of W. S. Hollomon Insurance Agency, 33rd degree Mason, Shriner, vice president of Lincoln Country Club and former

member of Republican Central Committee of Georgia. Death came to the noted business man while he was vacationing in the Windy City.

# Dr. J. W. Holley, Albany State Founder, Succumbs

ALBANY, Ga. — Dr. J. W. Holley, founder and president emeritus of Albany State College died Wednesday following a long illness. Funeral services will be held for the well-known educator and business leader, Friday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m. on the Albany State College campus.

Dr. Holley, who founded Albany Bible and Manual Training Institute in 1904, gained national recognition as an educator, clergyman and businessman.

Born April 3, 1874 in Winnsboro, S. C. to George and Duskey Holley, he was educated in the finest Eastern educational institutions attending Revere Lay College Revere, Mass., Phillips Andover Academy, Mass., and Lincoln University, Oxford, Penn.

## FOUNDED COLLEGE

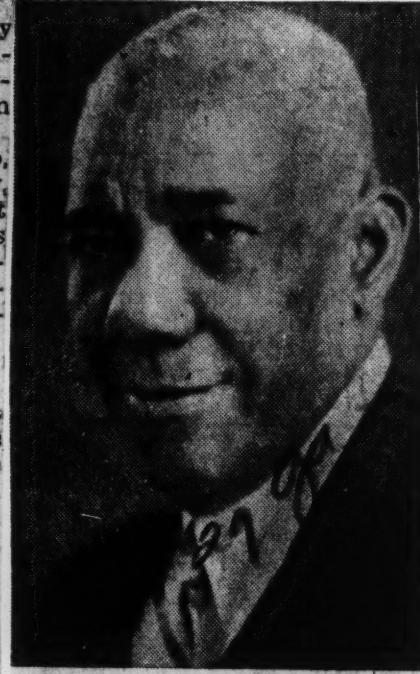
Dr. Holley's influence in Georgia education began in 1904 when he accepted the pastorate of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church in Macon, where he served until 1914. Almost simultaneously, he began the Albany Bible and Manual Institute which he served as president until 1943, when he was succeeded by Dr. Aaron Brown, now a consultant with the Phelps-Stokes Fund. The present executive and third president of the institution he founded is William Dennis.

Dr. Holley is best known for founding Albany State College which grew from one building to a million and half dollar plant with over 600 students.

## MARKED BY CONTROVERSY

Dr. Holley's later years were marked by controversy. He authored a pro-segregation book, "You Can't Build a Chimney From The Top" which was praised and condemned by white and Negro.

Following publication of the book, Dr. Holley was appointed to an advisory post with the three state-supported Negro colleges. Many foes charged that he was the "Black Chancellor" of these institutions although he never publicly interfered with the administration of the schools. For years, Dr. Holley operated a shirt factory near the Albany State College campus and he had extensive farming interests.



DR. J. W. HOLLEY

## Dr. Holley Albany College Dies; Began Albany State

ALBANY, Ga. (AP)—Dr. Joseph W. Holley, 84, noted Negro educator, author and founder of Albany State College here, died in a hospital Wednesday of complications following surgery.

An ardent foe of forced integration, Holley's best-known book dealt with the subject and was titled "You Can't Build a Chimney from the Top."

He came to Albany in 1903 as an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church and started a school for Negroes called the Albany Bible and Manual Training Institute. In 1918 the school was taken over by the state and is now a part of the University System.

Dr. Holley was president of the college for many years and was long active in local civic enterprises. One of the speakers at memorial services for Holley at

the college Friday will be Henry T. McIntosh, editor emeritus of the Albany Herald and a friend of the educator for 50 years.

Also to speak will be a member of the State Board of Regents.

Holley will be buried on the college campus in a shady grove known as "Holley's Pines." Services will be conducted by the Rev. George F. Ellison, pastor of the Reeves Memorial Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Pa. He was a lifelong friend of Holley.

# Last Rites For Highway Accident Victims Tuesday

Funeral services for Miss Grace W. Arnold and Miss Emma Catherine Ware Gray, prominent educators and church women who along with a well-known Montgomery matron were killed in a highway smash-up Thursday night near Hopkinsville, Ky., will be held Tuesday ~~Sun. 6-21-58~~.

Final rites for Miss Gray will be held at 11 a.m. at Adams Tabernacle C.M.E. Church, Haddock, Ga. of Gray, Ga. two brothers, Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun, pre-Emory S. Gray, of Chicago, and President of Paine College, Augusta, Madison B. Gray, of Gray, Ga., and Ga., delivering the eulogy. Also participating in the service will be Bishop P. R. Shy, Dr. W. L. Graham, also of Paine College; and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, of Morehouse College.

Funeral services for Miss Arnold will be held at 3 p.m. at South Atlanta Methodist Church, where Rev. T. P. Grissom, Sr., is pastor. Complete funeral plans will be announced later.

## FINAL RITES FOR MRS. LEWIS 11 A. M. MONDAY

Final rites for Mrs. Jule Lewis, also killed in the four-car crash, will be held Monday, 11 a.m., at First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., Rev. R. D. Abernathy, pastor. She was co-owner of the Ross and Clayton Funeral Home and served as secretary-treasurer.

The Atlanta World learned Saturday that the group left Montgomery Thursday morning, enroute to the religious meeting at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., in Mrs. Irene West's car. Mrs. West and Manuel Warren, of Montgomery, were injured in the accident.

## REMAINS ARRIVE HERE

The remains of Miss Arnold and Miss Gray arrived in Atlanta Saturday night on the Dixie Flyer. This remains of Miss Gray continued to Macon, Ga., on the same train, and will be carried to Hutchings Funeral Home.

Part-time teacher in the English Department at Morehouse College during the past school term, Miss Gray was born near Gray, Ga., May 29, 1892. A graduate of Paine College, she received the Ph. B. degree and masters degree from the University of Chicago and was recipient of an honorary degree (LL. D.) from Paine this year.

She retired from the Paine faculty in May, 1957 after teaching for 45 years. During that period, she served as dean of women for 20 years.

Miss Gray is survived by three



MISS EMMA C. GRAY

**Miss Grace Arnold,  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Miss Emma Gray,  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Die In Wreck**

*Fri 6-21-58*

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — Two prominent Atlanta women and a well-known Montgomery matron were killed instantly on Thursday night when a careless driver caused a spectacular mixup of five vehicles five and a half miles east of Hopkinsville.

Two other persons, riding in the same auto were seriously injured in the wreck which halted a trip to a religious meeting in Appleton, Wisconsin.

The dead were identified as Miss Grace Arnold, 51, instructor

## GEORGIA

at Turner High School, and resident of 2746 Hedgewood Dr., Atlanta.

Miss Emma C. W. Gray, 66, of 820 Fair Street, SW, sister-in-law of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College.

And Mrs. Jule Lewis, 44, of Montgomery, Alabama, a member of the Ross and Clayton Funeral Home.

Injured were Mrs. Irene West and Manuel Warren, of Montgomery, Ala.

Details of the crash were not immediately available, but word of the crash was called in by William Nix, of Morehouse College, and verified by Adams Funeral Home in Hopkinsville, where the bodies were taken.

A spokesman for the funeral home said the crash came at approximately 7 p.m. Thursday, five and a half miles from Hopkinsville, on U. S. Highway 41 when an apparent careless driver pulled onto the main thoroughfare from a side road causing a smashup of at least five autos.

It was not immediately determined if there were other serious injuries from the crash.

The five people in the fatal auto were on their way to a national convention of the Womens International League for Peace and Freedom.

One of the fatally injured women, Miss Arnold, had been named Woman of the Year in 1957, and was well known in Atlanta for her church work. She had taught English for many years in Atlanta public schools.

## Killed In Highway Mishap

*Atlanta World*

**Remains Of Miss Arnold, Miss Gray Arrive In City Tonight**

*Sat. 6-21-58*

The remains of Miss Grace W. Arnold and Miss Emma C. W. Gray, who were killed in a tragic highway mishap Thursday night, near Hopkinsville, Ky., are scheduled to arrive in Atlanta on the Dixie Flyers, 7:25 tonight, at the Union Station.

Accompanying the remains of these prominent churchwomen who were enroute to a meeting at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., will be Mrs. Emma Arnold DeShazor, James Monroe Arnold, Miss Arnold's sister and brother; and Madison Blount Gray, Miss Gray's brother.

Mr. Gray and Mr. Arnold made the trip to Hopkinsville by plane. Mrs. DeShazor joined them later.

Funeral plans for Miss Arnold will be completed on arrival of the body from Hopkinsville.

## FINAL RITES FOR MISS GRAY TUESDAY

The remains of Miss Gray will go directly to Hutchins Funeral Home, Macon, Ga., and final rites will be held Tuesday, 11 a.m., at Adams Tabernacle C.M.E. Church, at Haddock, Ga.

Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun, president of Paine College, Augusta, Ga., will give the eulogy. Several ministers will participate in the service.

No additional information on the details of the wreck was available Friday.

Reported injured in the crash were Mrs. Jule Lewis, Mrs. Irene West and Manuel Warren, of Montgomery, Ala.

The Atlanta World learned Friday that the group left Montgomery for the religious meeting in Wisconsin. Miss Gray went to Montgomery from Atlanta, and Miss Arnold from the Central Jurisdiction School of Missions, Waveland, Miss.

An instructor in the Atlanta Public School System for several years and a member of the faculty at Turner High School, Miss Arnold is well-known in Atlanta. Miss Gray is the sister of Mrs. Benjamin E. Mays, of Morehouse College.



MISS GRACE ARNOLD

# Dr. Lewis, President Of Morris Brown, Dies Here

Dr. John Henry Lewis, President of Morris Brown College and active minister in the A. M. E. Church, died Friday at Harris Memorial Hospital. The 64-year-old official had been in the hospital more than two weeks where he was treated for a heart attack.

Dr. Lewis, previously listed in poor condition by medical officials had shown signs of improvement earlier this week. He had a short bedside conference with church and school officials. However, his illness had been considered serious from the first. It was understood he suffered two coronary attacks in a single week.

The official was serving the eighth year of his second term as president of Morris Brown. He had served as the chief executive from 1920 to 1928. During his entire career, Dr. Lewis was affiliated with the A. M. E. Church.

Prior to coming to Morris Brown he served as Dean of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, O. For several years he was principal of Dunbar High School, Little Rock, Ark. He pastored churches in California and Arkansas.

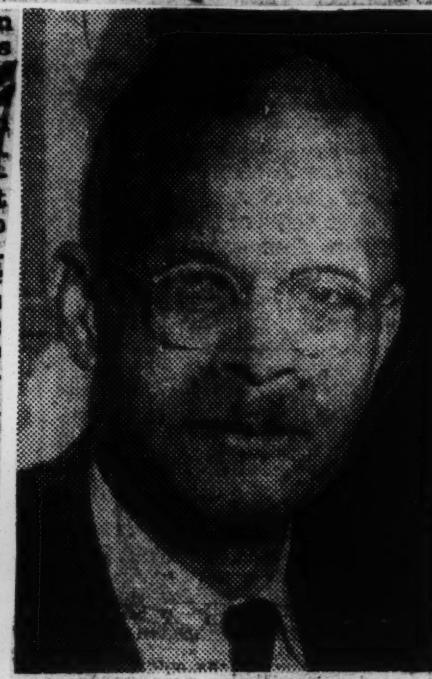
Dr. Lewis enjoyed national prominence several years ago when he led the fight for equalization of teachers salaries in Little Rock. Last year a school was named for him in Ellaville, Ga., where he was born.

Dr. Lewis obtained his bachelor degree from Yale University, and his Master's from the University of Chicago in 1914. He has honorary degrees from Wilberforce, Benedict and Allen Universities.

In Atlanta Dr. Lewis was one of the founders of the Atlanta Chapter, Frontiers of America. He was one of those to spearhead the organization of the Service organization in the South.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ernestine Lewis, four sons, John H. Jr., James, Milton and David; a daughter, Mrs. Anita McLendon, of Chicago, Ill., and a sister, Miss Masie Lewis.

Funeral arrangements will be made later.



DR. JOHN H. LEWIS

# Morris Brown prexy lauded as one who prided integrity

ATLANTA — Funeral services for Dr. John H. Lewis, president of Morris Brown College, were held at the Bethel A. M. E. Church last Tuesday. He died Oct. 3 at a local hospital after a brief illness.

The Rt. Rev. W. R. Wilkes, head of the sixth Episcopal District and chairman of trustees of Morris Brown College, officiated at the services.

"It takes a long time to summarize a great life that lasted so long and served so well in so many endeavors," said Bishop Wilkes.

He added that "public funds were a sacred trust with him (Dr. Lewis) and he prided his integrity and worked that no man tampered with it and got away with it."

BISHOP Frank M. Reid of the Second Episcopal District spoke of Dr. Lewis' integrity as that which set him apart from the common herd.

The Rt. Rev. Sherman L. Greene, senior bishop of the A. M. E. Church, described the Dr. Lewis as a fundamentalist and a man of sterling courage and one who walked with God.

Among other dignitaries appearing on the program were Dr. W. B. Stewart, president of Edward Waters College; Dr. S. L. Green Jr., secretary of education, A. M. E. Church; the Rev. C. K. Knight, secretary, Morris Brown College Trustee Board.

DR. ROBERT W. MANCE, treasurer of A. M. E. Church; Dr. George L. Hightower, president of National Alumni Association of Morris Brown; Dr. Ralph Jackson, president A. M. E. Brotherhood; Dr. George A. Sewell, dean of Turner Seminary;

Dr. M. L. King Sr. Baptist Ministers' Union; the Rev. T. C. Lightfoot, Interdenominational Ministers Alliance; L. D. Milton, president Citizen Trust Co.;

Dr. T. D. Jarrett, Atlanta University Center; the Rev. L. G. Long, Flipper Temple A. M. E. Church; Dr. P. E. Wilson, dean of the college; Dr. H. L. Bearden, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, and by Bishop E. C. Hatcher of Wilberforce, Ohio.

DR. LEWIS was born at Ellaville, Ga. Before coming to Morris Brown, he was dean of the School of Religion at Wil-

berforce University.

Prior, he pastored churches in California and Arkansas. For several years he was principal of Dunbar High School in Little Rock, where he waged a fight for equal salaries for teachers.

Dr. Lewis also served as president of Morris Brown College from 1920 to 1928, returning to the college as president in 1951.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ernestine Lewis, four sons, John H. Jr., James, Milton, and David; a daughter, Mrs. Anita McLendon of Chicago, and a sister, Mrs. Masie Wingfield.

## Taps For Dr. John Henry Lewis

The passing of President John Henry Lewis of Morris Brown College Friday, removes from the nation's educational arena a first-rate educator, a courageous spirit and that happy warrior in the battle of the Lord.

Dr. Lewis was one of the early graduates of Morris Brown College and bore the top honor of having been president of that institution twice.

Once upon a time he left his native Georgia to do educational work in Little Rock, Arkansas where he made an outstanding contribution in the educational field.

Dr. Lewis' best known contribution will be the hard work he did at Morris Brown College. He knew the state, the men and the lay of the land and during his incumbency, Morris Brown was to reach its apex in recognition and service. It was to march along among the top educational institutions of this century, and to come in for recognition and prestige wherever education was thought and processed.

Before coming to Morris Brown as professor and president, Dr. Lewis won his spurs as head of Payne Institute at Cuthbert, where he did a unique service in gathering about him in that southwest Georgia center scores of young men and women who had nowhere to do high school work. He effected a standardized system and in time he afforded a feeder for the colleges. Many a young person owes his educational status and inspiration to this modest project to which he dedicated his early years at Cuthbert.

He earned degrees at Yale and Chicago University and his life and work will ever remain high standards by which youth for generations to come will ascend the ladder of public service and usefulness.

The naming of a training school for him in his native Ellaville, by the Board of Education during his lifetime is a top testimony of the esteem in which he was held. Verily that faith was kept.

We join his many friends in expressing sympathy to his family, his church and the institution to which he dedicated his best years.

# Noted Georgia Educator Buried

## Dr. Joseph W. Holley Controversial Figure Until Death at 84

By TREZZVANT W. ANDERSON

ALBANY, Ga.—Funeral services for the late Dr. Joseph W. Holley, 84, were held in the Caroline Hall auditorium, Albany State College. The Rev. George Elliott Ellison of Philadelphia, Pa., a lifelong friend and classmate of Dr. Holley at Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa., delivered the eulogy.

Dr. Holley, founder and president emeritus of Albany State, was president of the school from 1914 to 1943 when he was succeeded by Dr. Aaron Brown, now with the Phelps-Stokes Fund in New York City. Present president is Dr. William J. Dennis, a native of Brunswick, Ga.

Dr. Holley is survived by his widow, a daughter and a brother. Burial was on the college campus.

Dr. Holley, who died in a local hospital last Wednesday, was a highly controversial figure in the Georgia educational world.

But all critics admit that he was at the same time a giant, whose contributions are unquestioned.

As a philosopher he was able at all times to breath life into words to support his views, and many of them in plain-spoken blunt language are very revealing.

**BORN IN WINNSBORO, S. C.**, April 3, 1874, he was worth a quarter of a million dollars when he died. He was educated in the North at Revere Lay College, Revere, Mass.; Philip Andover Academy in Massachusetts, and Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa.

He was a brilliant student and later adjusted his Northern education to terms of Southern practicality to fit the situation in which he found himself when he founded the Albany Bible and Manual Training Institute in 1914. It was this application of practical realism that eventually gained him the reputation of being a "pro-segregationist."

Dr. Holley once declared he

of the University of Georgia system. He knew how to get what he wanted.

Incidentally, Dr. Holley was born "Joel" Winthrop Holley, but had his first name changed to Joseph himself. He was an educator, a businessman and a leader. When he died, he owned a shirt-making factory employing many Negroes, and was a consultant to the Board of Regents of the University of Georgia System, with emphasis on the three large Negro institutions in the system.

Above all, he was loyal to his race and his every thought was of doing something that would benefit his people. He used his own methods. He knew what they would do. They did it.



DR. JOSEPH W. HOLLEY

didn't think the average person understands "integration." "It's a new word," he said, "coming since the Supreme Court decision (of May 17, 1954), and it's only temporary."

He had a philosophy for "big Negroes: Bib Negroes ought to think about something big and make white folks get their minds on something else."

Perhaps his most poignant observation was one dealing with the races:

"The ballot has never helped either the Negro or the poor white. The poor white gets a kick out of rapping the Negro; the Negro ditto. The bigger white plays both ends against the middle and he runs off with the loot!"

One of his comments seemed very sound: "As long as a Negro's got money, he can get anything he wants."

**DR. HOLLEY WAS** buried on the campus of the school he founded, underneath shade trees in a plot called "Holley's Grove." He had wrought well. From one rickety building, his school grew to a one and a half-million-dollar plant with 600 students, as part

## Thomas L. Stokes Dies; Washington Columnist, 59

WASHINGTON, May 14 (UPI)—Thomas L. Stokes, fifty-nine, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist of United Features Syndicate, died at the Washington Medical Center today after a long illness. *May 15-56*

Mr. Stokes, a native of Atlanta, also served on the staffs of the United Press and the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance during his thirty-seven years of covering Washington news. *New York*  
Won Pulitzer in 1939

Mr. Stokes was as objective a reporter as he could be and the many awards and citations given him over a long career invariably praised him for doing a good job of writing about what he saw.

Typical of his work was the series which won him the Pulitzer Prize. It was suggested by rumors that kept drifting into Washington early in 1938 that the Works Progress Administration was being used as a political tool by Kentucky politicians.

Mr. Stokes liked to call himself "an old-fashioned progressive," and he wrote later, "personally, my sympathies lay with Senator Barkley . . . and with the President and the New Deal." But when he went to Kentucky he drove 1,400 miles dug up every fact he could, and presented a long series of stories that concluded, "the W. P. A. there was deep inpolitics on behalf of Sen. Alben W. Barkley . . . and Gov. Albert B. Chandler." He was given a Page One award for "best reporting on the Washington scene."

On Jan. 3, when he went to the hospital to undergo a brain operation, his column stopped in the 105 papers which carried it. It was resumed two months later, however, not by Mr. Stokes, who was still ill, but by friends—five Senators and a group of top government officials who volunteered to write in his place.

In February, Mr. Stokes was given a special citation by the Raymond Clapper Memorial Association for his thirty-seven years of Washington coverage.

Moving from United Press to

It praised him for his "unvarying high standards."

Mr. Stokes was a member of the American Academy of Political Science and of the National Press, Gridiron, Overseas Writers and Cosmos Clubs. In 1940 he wrote an autobiographical work, "Chip Off My Shoulder," and in 1951, "The Savannah," part of the Rivers of America Series.

# Prominent Ga. Citizen Atlanta Woman Dies In Akron, Ohio

ceased) a former student and athlete at Morris Brown College.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Willie Mae Adams, Akron, Ohio; two grandsons, A. L. Adams, Atlanta; Van De Lacy Adams, Akron, Ohio; a great niece, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Akron, Ohio; nine great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Raiford Rites At Congregational Church Today

Final rites for Frank P. Raiford, Atlantan who gained prominence here for his Sunday School work and for a hat and coat check business, will be held at 2 p.m. today at First Congregational Church with the Rev. Homer C. McEwen officiating.

Interment will be in South View Cemetery. Rev. McEwen will be assisted by Rev. Harvey Johnson and Father S. C. Osh.

The remains will lie in state at the residence, 142 Howell St., NE, until 10 a.m. today.

Mr. Raiford died in Trinity Hospital in Detroit, Mich., Monday at 11:30 p.m. at the age of 92. The hospital is operated by his son, Dr. Frank P. Raiford, Jr.

Mr. Raiford operated a hat check business in numerous Atlanta clubs and private homes for about 45 years. He and his checking concessions were most frequently and longest seen in the Municipal Auditorium.

He retired about seven years ago and had reportedly been ill for about six weeks before his demise.

A native of Columbus, Ga., Mr. Raiford was a member of First Congregational Church where he was superintendent of the Sunday School for a number of years. He was also a member of the Free and Accepted Order of Prince Hall Masons.

His survivors include: Dr. and Mrs. Frank P. Raiford, Jr., Detroit; Mrs. Mahie Raiford Hamilton, Mrs. and Mrs. Alex Hamilton and family of Cleveland, Ohio; Atty. and Mrs. William Polk and family; Dr. and Mrs. Frank P. Raiford, III and family of Detroit; and John Raiford.

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The noted Cedartown businesswoman lived to see five generations. She was the mother of two children, Mrs. Willie M. Adams, of Akron, and Frank R. Jones (now de-

# Dr. J. W. Holley, Albany State Founder, Succumbs

ALBANY, Ga. — Dr. J. W. Holley, founder and president-emeritus of Albany State College died Wednesday following a long illness. Funeral services will be held for the well-known educator and business leader, Friday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m. on the Albany State College campus.

Dr. Holley, who founded Albany Bible and Manual Training Institute in 1904, gained national recognition as an educator, clergyman and businessman.

Born April 3, 1874 in Winnsboro, S. C. to George and Duskey Holley, he was educated in the finest Eastern educational institutions attending Revere Lay College Revere, Mass.; Philip Andover Academy, Mass.; and Lincoln University, Oxford, Penn.

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FOUNDED COLLEGE

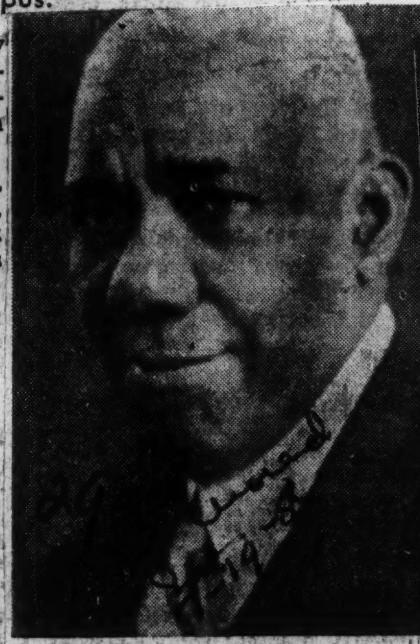
Dr. Holley's influence in Georgia education began in 1904 when he accepted the pastorate of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church in Macon, where he served until 1914. Almost simultaneously, he began the Albany Bible and Manual Institute which he served as president until 1943, when he was succeeded by Dr. Aaron Brown, now a consultant with the Phelps-Stokes Fund. The present executive and third president of the institution he founded is William J. Dennis.

Dr. Holley is best known for founding Albany State College which grew from one building to a million and half dollar plant with over 600 students.

### MARKED BY CONTROVERSY

Dr. Holley's later years were marked by controversy. He authored a pro-segregation book, "You Can't Build a Chimney From The Top" which was praised and condemned by white and Negro.

Following publication of the book, Dr. Holley was appointed to an advisory post with the three state-supported Negro colleges. Many foes charged that he was the "Black Chancellor" of these institutions although he never publicly interfered with the administration of the schools. For years, Dr. Holley operated a shirt factory near the Albany State College campus and he had extensive farming interests.



DR. J. W. HOLLEY

## A Community Bows In Sorrow

(From The Atlanta Daily World)

It is with genuine regret that we chronicle the tragic deaths of two well-known and useful Atlantans, Misses Grace Arnold and Emma C. W. Gray both en route to a meeting of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, held in the city of Appleton, Wisconsin.

Another matron, Mrs. Eule Lewis of Montgomery, Alabama, met her death also in the automobile wreck claiming the lives of the two Atlanta women. Mrs. Irene West and Manual Warren of Montgomery, in the same car, escaped death with injuries.

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These women have devoted much of their time to social and civic enterprises; they would periodically go on missions of this nature by automobile, and it was one of these junkets that tragedy was to blow out the torches that had burned unselfishly and long upon the horizon of human welfare and civic pride.

*Birmingham, Ala.*

Surely those who knew these women personally and who otherwise felt their benevolences and effectiveness in the social compact of this state and community, have sustained a great loss. Not soon will their places be filled and for many years this tragedy will haunt the happiness and enterprises for which they gave the last full measure of their devotion to espouse.

Their families, bowed in sorrow will find that comfort in that injunction, made by our Lord to all them "that labor and are heavy laden."

The Atlanta Daily World and its family extend to the bereaved their deepest sympathy.

Careless Driver Sought In 3 States

# Atlanta World

## Funerals To Be Held Today

### Atlanta, Ga.

# For Miss Arnold, Miss Gray

Funeral services will be held in Atlanta and in Haddock, Ga., today for two of three members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, who were killed in a four-car crash about four miles north of Hopkinsville, Ky., last Thursday. *24-58*

Services for Miss Grace W. Arnold, Atlanta public school teacher of 2746 Hedgewood Dr., N.W., will be held at 3 p.m. at the South Atlanta Methodist Church, Thirkield Ave., S.E., with the pastor, the Rev. T. P. Grissom, Sr., officiating. Interment will be in South View Cemetery.

Miss Emma Catherine Ware Gray, part-time teacher in the English Department of Morehouse College, will be funeralized at 11 a.m. at Adam's Tabernacle C.M.E. Church in Haddock with Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun, president of Paine College, at Augusta, officiating.

#### THREE WERE KILLED

The two prominent educators and church women and Mrs. Jule Lewis, co-owner and secretary-treasurer of the Ross and Clayton Funeral Home in Montgomery, Ala., were killed instantly when the car in which they were riding went out of control and was involved in a four-car collision while they were enroute to Appleton, Wis., to attend the national convention of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

They, along with another passenger, Mrs. Irene West of Montgomery, who was injured, were members of League chapters in Atlanta and Montgomery.

Services for Mrs. Lewis were held Monday at First Baptist Church, Montgomery.

Also injured in the Georgia car was 21-year-old Manuel Warren of Montgomery, who reportedly went along on the trip to help drive. *29*

#### ONE OF WORST WRECKS

The accident which claimed three lives and sent three persons to hospitals has been termed one of the worst in recent years in Kentucky. After a rendezvous in Montgomery, the Georgians had set out for Terre Haute, Ind., and Chicago, Ill., on the first leg of their trip to Appleton.

#### MRS. LEWIS DRIVING

Mrs. Lewis was driving north along U. S. Highway 49 about four miles north of Hopkinsville when an unidentified white driver pulled into the road in front of her. She lost control of her car after putting on brakes in an attempt to keep the vehicle from crashing into the rear of the unidentified driver. Her car skidded, swerved into the opposite lane and collided with a car traveling south. The unidentified driver did not stop.

Three other cars piled into the wreck and another ran into a ditch to avoid it, Kentucky State Trooper Durward Roach reported. He said the Georgian's car spun

around in the road and was struck broadside before it traveled about 38 feet and stopped near a railroad embankment where a freight train sped past shortly.

Immediately after the wreck, a three-state bulletin was broadcast for the arrest of the unidentified driver who initiated the chain reaction accident when he pulled onto the highway from the drive of a restaurant and service station. Roach said witnesses at the Kentucky roadside business said the driver had mentioned he was headed for Chicago. The bulletins were announced in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois.

#### ANOTHER HOSPITALIZED

Besides Mrs. West, owner of the vehicle, and Warren, one other person was hospitalized with injuries which resulted from the multiple car tie-up. He was James H. Gough of Evansville, Ky.

Warren and Mrs. West were taken to Brooks Memorial Hospital in Hopkinsville where they were reported conscious but suffering from numerous injuries. Both are unable to move, according to Mrs. Emma Arnold Deshazor of Atlanta, sister of Miss Arnold, who flew to the scene of the tragedy.

The state patrol established the time of the accident at about 4:55 p.m. That was the time registered on a mangled wrist watch owned by Warren and found in the wreckage.

Trooper Roach said Mrs. Lewis was driving, and Mrs. West was sitting in the front on the right side. Miss Gray was sitting behind the driver. Miss Arnold was seated behind Mrs. West, and Warren was sitting between the two women on the back seat, he said.

Mrs. B. E. Mays of Atlanta, wife of the president of Morehouse College and sister of Miss Gray, said she learned the accident was so devastating that during the process, Miss Gray's brief case was cut into and personal effects in her purse were ground up. A side of the car had been ripped away, she said.

Mrs. Deshazor said it had been raining in Kentucky Thursday and although most of the water had drained from the surrounding land, the highway was somewhat wet. She related to the World most of the troopers account of the accident.

Miss Arnold and Miss Gray were scheduled to address the Women's League this week on "The Problems of Living In the Deep South," according to a program found in the wrecked car. Miss Gray had recently accepted a post on the board of the national organization.

#### Classes Suspended For Funeral

## Rites Today For Dr. Lewis, Eighth Morris Brown President

By JOEL W. SMITH

Funeral services for Dr. John Henry Lewis, president of Morris Brown College who died early Friday night at a local hospital, will be held today at Big Bethel A. M. E. Church with the pastor, Dr. H. I. Bearden, officiating.

Bishop William B. Wilkes, presiding bishop of the Sixth Episcopal District, A.M.E. Church, will deliver the eulogy.

#### OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Among the other participants in the funeral services will be Bishop Frank M. Reid, president of the Council of Bishops of the A.M.E. Church; Bishop Sherman L. Greene, senior bishop of the A.M.E. Church and other prominent educators, churchmen, alumni, general officers and lay leaders.

Interment will be at South View Cemetery.

Immediate survivors include his wife, Mrs. Urnestine Bell Lewis, four sons, John H. Lewis, Jr., New York City; James W. Lewis, Cincinnati, Ohio; Milton D. Lewis, Omaha, Neb., and David Leverin Lewis, currently in London, England; one daughter, Mrs. Anita A. McClinton, Chicago, Ill., and a sister, Mrs. Mazie L. Wingfield, Atlanta.

#### SERVED ALMA MATER

#### TOTAL OF 16 YEARS

Dr. Lewis, who was in the eighth year of his second term as president of Morris Brown, actually served his alma mater in that capacity for a total of 16 years. After serving as president from 1920 to 1928, he returned and began the second term in 1950.

During the 23-year-interval between his two terms at Morris Brown, he served as principal of Dunbar High School, Little Rock, Ark.; president of Dunbar College, also in Little Rock; dean, Payne Theological Seminary at Wilberforce University; and pastor of Union and Bethel A.M.E. Churches in Little Rock.

#### LEADER IN FIGHT FOR EQUAL SALARIES

While at Dunbar High School, Dr. Lewis was the principal leader in the successful fight for equalization of teachers' salaries in the Little Rock Public School System, in spite of his knowledge that such leadership would cost him his position.

Dr. Lewis achieved outstanding success both as a school administrator and as a minister. He served as minister of Trinity A.M.E. Church, Atlanta; Benton Avenue A.M.E. Church, Springfield, Mo.; First A.M.E. Church, Pasadena, Calif. *29* Union A.M.E.

# Frank Raiford, Pioneer Atlan<sup>ta</sup>tan, Is Laid To Rest

29 By THOMAS JEFFERSON FLANAGAN

Funeral tributes for Frank P. Raiford, Sr., pioneer Atlanta businessman, who died recently at his home in Detroit, Michigan, were held Saturday at the First Congregational Church in Atlanta.

His family, friends and church comrades formed a long line of mourners who came to pay tribute to one who had lived so long and well.

Back home again his native health and soul surrounded by flanks of mourning friends, the remains of the pioneer Atlanta and former business, civic and religious rites were said from the First Congregational Church, also his first love.

## HOUSEHOLD WORD

It was here that Frank Raiford's name a household word around many family firesides. The children of a growing populace and rising group were taught to respect and love him for the warm hand he extended in his early years at a Sunday School Superintendent where his life literally grew on thousands of young Atlantans who went out into the world to make good, and this nation under God, a palace of peace.

The Rev. Homer C. McEwen was mindful of this in the rendition of a tender eulogy which commend the late "Servant of God" in the same vein he espoused his religious and civic philosophies.

Describing the deceased as a man of industry and business acumen, Dr. McEwen brought into focus many parables of comfort which involved the relationship of life to what men call death.

"He was of the kind of people who make a community worth living in. He should think in lovable terms of God as being a God of love; man writes about what he understands; he loves life and he seeks to write about it, but he does not fully understand life."

One great evaluation the minister placed on death was that its shadow brought together ties of the long separated.

"This our beloved" intoned the minister, "God satisfied with long life; he outran the actuaries of short spans and entered over in the grand stage of longevity," which had its golden termination on that premise which John's gospel enjoined to all the hopeful "If I go away to prepare for you a place, I will come again and receive you."

Professor G. Johnson Hubert rendered the Prelude; "In the Garden" was the funeral hymn of the occasion. The Rev. Harvey Johnson read the 90th Psalm; Father S.

# Morris Brown College President Dr. John H. Lewis Succumbs

ATLANTA, Ga. — (SNS) 29 ga.

Dr. John Henry Lewis, President of Morris Brown College and active minister in the A. M. E. Church, died Friday at Harris Memorial Hospital. The 75-year-old official had been in the hospital more than two weeks where he was treated for a heart attack.

Dr. Lewis, previously listed in poor condition by medical officials had shown signs of improvement earlier this week. He had held a short bedside conference with church and school officials. However, his illness had been considered serious from the first. It was understood he suffered two coronary attacks in a single week.

The officials was serving the Ernestine Lewis, four sons, John H., Jr., James, Melton and David; a daughter, Mrs. Anita McLendon, of Chicago, and a sister, Miss Mabel Lewis. 10-8-58

Funeral services for Dr. Lewis were held Tuesday morning.

eighth year of his second term as president of Morris Brown. He had served as the chief executive from 1920 to 1928. During his entire career, Dr. Lewis was affiliated with the AME Church.

Prior to coming to Morris Brown he served as Dean of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, O. For several years he was principal of Dunbar High School, Little Rock, Ark. He pastored churches in California and Arkansas.

Dr. Lewis sprang into national prominence several years ago when he led the fight for equalization of teachers salaries in Little Rock. Last year a school was named for him in Ellaville, Ga., where he was born.

Dr. Lewis obtained his bachelor degree from Yale University, and his Master's from the University of Chicago in 1914. He has honorary degrees from Wilberforce, Benedict and Allen Universities.

In Atlanta Dr. Lewis was one of the founders of the Atlanta Chapter, Frontiers of America. He was one of those to spearhead the organization of the Service organization in the South.



DR. JOHN H. LEWIS

# AME Church Honors Dr. John H. Lewis At Rites

ATLANTA, Ga. — Rites for Dr. John H. Lewis, president of Morris Brown college, were held at Big Bethel AME church here Tuesday, Oct. 7. The President died Friday, Oct. 3, at a local hospital after a brief illness.

The educator was eulogized as a man of high honor and integrity by Bishop W. R. Wilkes, presiding bishop of the sixth episcopal district, and chairman of trustees of Morris Brown college.

He said, "It takes a long time to summarize a great life that lasted so long and served so well in so many endeavors." The bishop proclaimed that "public funds were a sacred trust with him, and that he prided his integrity and warned that no man tampered with it and got away with it."

Dr. Lewis had the distinction of serving twice as president of Morris Brown college - from 1920 to 1928 and from 1951 until his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Urnestine Lewis, four sons, John H., Jr., James, Melton, and David; a daughter, Mrs. Anita McClendon Dr. Lewis' integrity as that which set him apart from the common Masie Wingfield.

Bishop Sherman L. Greene, senior bishop of the AME church, described the late president as a fundamentalist and a man of sterling courage and one who walked with God.

Among other dignitaries on the program were: Dr. W. B. Stewart, president of Edward Waters college; Dr. S. L. Green, Jr., secretary of education, AME church; Rev. C. K. Knight, secretary, Morris Brown college Trustee Board; Dr. Robert W. Mance, treasurer of AME church; Dr. George L. Hightower, president, National Alumni Association of Morris Brown.

Dr. Ralph Jackson, president AME Brotherhood; Dr. George A. Sewell, dean of Turner Seminary; Dr. M. L. King, Baptist Ministers' Union; Rev. F. C. Lightfoot, Inter-denominational Ministers Alliance; and L. D. Milton, president Citizen Trust Company.

Dr. T. D. Jarrett represented the Atlanta University Center; Rev. L.

G. Long of Flipper Temple AME church; Dr. P. E. Wilson, dean of the College; and Dr. H. I. Bearden, pastor of Bethel AME church had words of praise for the deceased president.

## WILBERFORCE DEAN

Dr. Lewis was born at Ellaville, Ga. Before coming to Morris Brown he was dean of the School of Religion at Wilberforce University.

He pastored churches in California and Arkansas. For several years he was principal of Dunbar High school in Little Rock, where he waged a fight for equal salaries for teachers.

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# Rites Held For Zachary Hubert

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Dr. Zachary T. Hubert, former president of Jackson college (Mississippi) and Langston university (Oklahoma) died Monday evening, September 29. He was one of 12 children of the late Zack Hubert of Mayfield, Ga.

Dr. Hubert was a graduate of Morehouse college, Atlanta, Ga., and Amherst college, Amherst, Mass. An agricultural chemist by training, Dr. Hubert began his professional service at Florida State A & M college, Tallahassee, Fla.

He later served as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at Spelman college and Instructor of Chemistry at Morehouse college, both of Atlanta.

Funeral services were held in Savannah, Ga., on Oct. 1, and at Mayfield, Ga., on Oct. 2, where he was buried.

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In 1910 he was elected to the presidency of Jackson college where he served for 17 years, leaving this post in 1927 to become President of Langston university where he served for four years.

Returning to his home state of Georgia he became affiliated with the U. S. Agricultural Extension Service as Assistant State Club agent until illness forced his retirement in 1945. Since that time he had made his home with his youngest son, Wilson P. Hubert and his wife, Josephine in Savannah, Ga., until his death.

In 1951, Dr. Hubert was presented a plaque by his co-workers of the Extension Service in appreciation of 12 years of service as an Extension worker. Again in 1957, he was honored by his Alma Mater, Morehouse college with an award for distinguished service to his people and to the nation.

The deceased is survived by his three sons, Pro. Giles A. Hubert of Dillard university, New Orleans, La.; Zachary T. Hubert, Jr., Per-

sonnel Clerk, Alexian Brother hospital of Chicago; and Wilson P. Hubert, Social Worker, Public Health Service, Savannah, Ga.

He is also survived by two brothers, James Hubert, formerly executive director, New York Urban League and Theodore Hubert, New York City; three sisters: Mrs. Mable Warner, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Lucy Bolling, Chicago; and Mrs. Esther Griffin of Tampa, Fla.

Dr. Hubert will be remembered most fondly by the hundreds of his former students and faculty members who have been inspired by his leadership and guided by his advice and example toward successful careers in many walks of life.

Funeral services were held in Savannah, Ga., on Oct. 1, and at Mayfield, Ga., on Oct. 2, where he was buried.

## Mrs. Jency Hubert Reeves, Noted Ga. Educator, Passes

Funeral services for Mrs. Jency Hubert Reeves, well known educator who passed at a local hospital early Sunday, January 5, will be held at 12 noon Wednesday January 8 at Log Cabin Center, Georgia Department will be held in the Hubert Family Cemetery located near the birthplace of the illustrious sons and daughters of the Zach and Comilla Hubert in Hancock County Georgia. The body will lie in state at Sellers Bros. Funeral Home, Hunter Street until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

After finishing Spelman Seminary, Jency Hubert enrolled in Morehouse College along with her brothers, where she completed her junior year before marrying Alfred P. Reeves, a brilliant young Morehouse classmate. Upon his graduation the young couple began teaching careers in Arkansas, establishing their home in Little Rock, and living there for a number of years. Mrs. Reeves divided her energies and skills during these years between wifehood, homemaking, rearing her son Hubert, teaching, studying further, civic and community enterprises, and at one time, operating a millinery business of her own. She was a Jeans Supervisor for 16 years, teaching at Savannah State college until retirement.

In addition to the thousands of friends and school personnel who will mourn her passing, she leaves as immediate survivors, a son, Hubert Reeves, who is Economist with the United States Department of Labor, and his wife, Stella, teacher and civic leader in Savannah, Ga. Seven sisters and brothers, also survive: Zach Hubert former president of Langston University, James Hubert, executive of the Handy Foundation, New York; Benjamin Hubert, former president of Georgia State College; Theodore Hubert, business man of New York; Mrs. Lucille Hubert, Bowling, Chicago; Mrs. Esther Hubert Griffin, business woman, Tampa, Florida; Mrs. Mable Hubert Warner, teacher of Atlanta. A host of nieces, nephews and other relatives also survive.

Any messages may be sent to 130 Wellington Street, S. W.

## Frontiers' President At Funeral Of Dr. Wilmer

Wed. 1-8-58

Among those attending the funeral services of Dr. Gary Breckinridge Wilmer, Tuesday afternoon, 3:30, was Jesse O. Thomas, president of the Frontiers of America, Atlanta chapter.

Mr. Thomas had been associated with Dr. Wilmer as a member of the Committee on Church Cooperation in the early 1920's.

When the Ku Klux Klan was reorganized in 1919, a group of Negro and white citizens organized what was the "Committee on Church Cooperation," which served as a counter-influence to the Klan. The organization of this interracial movement was a departure from the traditional procedure in race relations. The Negro members of the Committee were chosen by Negroes. The two groups met separately three times each month and met together once each month. They interchanged minutes weekly, so that each group was kept informed on what was discussed and decisions made by the other.

Among those representing the White Committee, in addition to Dr. Wilmer, were Dr. M. A. Jones, John Eagan, M. L. Thrower, Dr. Plato Durham and John Manket. Among the Negro representatives were Dr. Peter J. Bryant, Dr. R. L. Singleton, Dr. E. P. Johnson, Dr. John Hope, W. J. Trent and Rev. M. L. King, Sr.

In 1924, when Dr. Wilmer resigned the pastorate of St. Luke's Episcopal Church to become Professor of Practical Theology at the University of the South, in Sewanee, Tennessee, the Negro citizens gave him a reception in the main auditorium of Big Bethel Church. Jesse O. Thomas was chairman of the testimonial committee. On his 90th birthday, eight years ago, Dr. Wilmer released a statement to the TAMPA DAILY TIMES in which he said that one of the highlights of his interracial experience was the recipiency of this testimonial expression of interracial goodwill by leading Negro citizens of Atlanta.

Dr. Jordan's unpublished research projects consist of the following: "Reflections of contemporary drama in Concourt Journal," her master's thesis: "Analysis of duties and functions of Deans of Women," M.

## Dean Of Women, Savannah State College Passes

Jan. 1-5-58

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Dr. Anne W. Jordan, Dean of Women and associate professor of Languages and literature, Savannah State College, died Friday, January 3, in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 7, 2:00 p.m., in Ohio. Savannah State College will be officially represented. Dr. Jordan was born November 29, 1915 in Arlington, Georgia.

In addition to her duties as Dean of Women and professor at the college, Dr. Jordan was also chairman of the student personnel committee, the college health services committee and advisor to the association of women students.

Before joining the SSC Faculty in 1955, Dr. Jordan had served as Assistant Professor at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio from 1942 to 1952. She taught special education at the French Consul from 1952-53. Her administrative experiences included work as Librarian with the Ohio State Industrial Department.

Dr. Jordan held membership in the following organizations: Alpha Kappa Mu; Beta Phi Theta, National French Honorary Society; Pi Lambda Theta, National Education Honorary Society for Women; The American Personnel Guidance Association; The American Association of University Women; and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Special honors and recognition accorded Dean Jordan included the awarding to her for the Eubanks Medal for being the highest ranking graduate at Wilberforce, and her selection as the NUGA speaker in Chicago during her research work on the doctor's degree.

She held the AB degree from Wilberforce University; The MA from Miami (Ohio); the M. Ed from Ohio State University and the Ph. D. from Ohio State.

Dr. Jordan's unpublished research projects consist of the following: "Reflections of contemporary drama in Concourt Journal," her master's thesis: "Analysis of duties and functions of Deans of Women," M.

Ed. Thesis; and "Selected collegiate experiences and beginning jobs for women," doctoral dissertation.

The theme of the 1957 charm week celebration at Savannah State College, under the aegis of Dr. Jordan was, "Purposeful participation," a theme which epitomizes the life philosophy of this sympathetic counselor and inspired teacher.

She is survived by Reverend and Mrs. W. S. J. Jordan, 256 South Hague Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

## Bishop W. E. Fuller, Prominent Churchman. Dies Of Heart Attack

By EDDIE WILLIAMS

Bishop W. E. Fuller, Sr., founder of the Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas died of a heart attack in a local hospital at about 3 P. M. Monday. He was 82 years old.

The senior bishop of 800 churches in the United States, the British West Indies, the Virgin Islands and England, had been confined to his home at 556 Houston St., NE, for the past six months. He came to Atlanta in the early 1920's.

During the past few months he

reportedly suffered several "minor strokes" and was attended daily by his third wife, Mrs. Pauline Birmingham Fuller, and several nurses.

The bishop, a native of Mountville, S. C. founded the Fire Baptized Holiness Church in 1888 in Abbeville, S. C. The church is now located in 19 districts, each of which has a presiding elder. Its total membership is said to be "in the thousands."

Working immediately under Bishop Fuller were two junior bishops. Bishop G. G. Gary was in charge of the Northern Diocese of the church, and Bishop C. C. Chiles was over the Southern Diocese.

The senior bishop's vacancy is expected to be filled in June at the General Conference of the church in Jacksonville, Fla. according to the Rev. W. E. Fuller, Jr. of 82 Leathers Circle, NW, the bishop's son. He said "the policy-making board of the church will elect a bishop."

Bishop Fuller died without knowing of a \$5 million suit filed against him and Rev. Fuller, Jr., last November by the Rev. J. P. Petty, a "member" of the Mitchell Chapel Church in Spartanburg, S. C. Rev. Fuller said. All news of the suit was intentionally withheld from him.

The suit which was filed in Federal Court at Greenville, S. C. alleged that they defrauded the Fire Baptized Church of more than \$2 million over a period of 20 years. It also asked \$5 million in damages and called for an accounting of all money turned over to Bishop Fuller.

Rev. Fuller denied accusations in the suit and said three "high class" lawyers had been retained to handle the litigation for him and his father. The attorneys had 60 days to prepare to face the charges.

Rev. Fuller said Monday a hearing in the case is expected "soon."

He charged Rev. Petty with being "disgruntled because the bishop sent him to a church in Tennessee, and he did not want to go."

The suit claimed that Bishop Fuller owned property in Atlanta valued at more than \$2 million. It accused Rev. Fuller of "aiding in defrauding the denomination and, for the past three years, acting illegally as a bishop in the church."

The church owns property throughout the country, including a church school which it operates at Greenville, S. C. There are about 75 Baptized Holiness Churches in

## *29* Funeral Services Early *29* Here Tuesday For Bishop W. E. Fuller



**BISHOP W. E. FULLER**

Georgia, several of which are in Atlanta.

Bishop Fuller's second wife, the late Mrs. Emma C. Fuller, was noted for her outstanding work in the Fire Baptized Holiness Church. She died in 1955.

The bishop is survived by his wife and eight children. They are: Mrs. Betty Taylor, Miss S. J. Fuller, Eldridge Fuller, the Rev. W. E. Fuller, Jr., Henry B. Fuller, all of Atlanta; Mrs. Ruth Lewter of New York City; Mrs. Mattie Westbrooks of Gainesville, Ga., and Douglass Fuller of New York City.

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Funeral services for Bishop W. E. Fuller, Sr., will be held Tuesday 11 a.m., January 22, at Big Bethel A. M. E. Church.

Bishop W. E. Fuller, Sr., son of the late George and Martha Fuller, was born in 1875 in Mountville, S. C. He was converted at an early age in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and worked there ardently until he became a member of the white Pentecostal Church. In 1898, he organized the Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas with one member and himself. Through the years he has been divinely inspired by God to successfully lead the Fire Baptized Holiness Church. Today there are two junior bishops, 250 churches, 19 elders and a host of pastors and members, also a church school in Greenville, S. C.

Bishop Fuller was a man of great character, ordained and sent of God, a true shepherd, a loyal citizen, a devoted husband, a proud father and a courageous church leader. We loved, honored and esteemed him highly for his very work sake.

His name will go down in church history, long with Apostle Paul, Martin Luther, Charles Wesley, and David body for what he has left as a stage.

He is survived by his wife, four daughters, Miss S. J. Fuller, Mrs.

Betty Taylor, Atlanta; Mrs. Mattie Westbrooks, Gainesville, Ga., and Mrs. Ruth Lewter Lawrence, N. Y. four sons, Rev. W. E. Fuller, Jr., Mr. H. B. Fuller and Mr. Eldridge Fuller, Atlanta, Ga., Mr. Douglas Fuller, N. Y. One brother, Mr. Charles Fuller, and Mrs. Carrie Brown, sister, both of Berkley Calif., 22 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren and the entire church family of the Fire Baptized Holiness Church.

The remains will be viewed at his late residence, 556 Houston St. N.E., Sunday. He will be placed in state at the Fuller's Tabernacle F. B. Holiness Church, 839 West End Ave. Monday until Tuesday 8:00 a.m. He will be funeralized from the Big Bethel A. M. E. Church at 11:00 a.m. Tues., Jan. 28, 1958. Bishop C. C. Chiles, officiating. Interment, Southview Cemetery. Haugabrooks Funeral Home.

## *29* William Perkins, Famed Baseball Catcher, Dies

William (Bill) Perkins, one of the standout catchers in the peak days of Negro baseball, died here around 4 p. m. Friday, January 24, at the residence 1517 - 2nd Ave. No. *29*

His body was scheduled to be forwarded to Dawson, Ga. for burial Tuesday, January 28 by Eddle Funeral Home.

His death is believed to have resulted from a heart attack. He had walked home and entered the bathroom where he dropped off dead, it was said.

Mr. Perkins had not been in his usual good health after coming back from World War II at 1947. Mr. Perkins saw service with the Birmingham Black Barons, the Pittsburgh Crawfords, the Philadelphia Stars, the Baltimore Elite Giants, and played in Cuba, South America, Mexico and other countries.

Born in Dawson, Ga., he came to Birmingham about 1928. He played in the days when Leroy Satchell Paige was the fireball wonder of the baseball diamond. His name ranked along with Josh Gibson, Bizz Mackey and other luminaries of the mask and breastpad.

He is survived by a son, William Perkins, Jr., 24, and his divorced wife, Mrs. Jessie H. Perkins; an aunt in Americus, Ga., and a nephew in New York City.

Mr. Perkins was married in 1932 to Miss Jessie Hatch a school teach-

## *29* Bishop William E. Fuller

In the death of Bishop W. E. Fuller of the Fire Baptized Holiness Church with headquarters in Atlanta, the church loses an able administrator, the state and community a worthy citizen and benefactor, and the cause of Christ a faithful servant of the Lord.

Bishop Fuller, like most of the early leaders who came to flower in the nineties, was a self-made man. From the bottom rung of the ladder he made his way steadily up in the church and the service of the race.

Among the early pioneers in the founding of churches, he will be recognized as one who massed a powerful following in the denomination he espoused. Members of his congregations number well into the thousands in several states and in the islands of the sea.

Bishop Fuller made a worthwhile contribution in his time. He will be remembered as one who rose tall in the timbers of worthy examples for others to follow.

His family, his church and his friends are extended the sympathy of the community, the state and the nation.

## *29* Thomas L. Stokes Passes On

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One of the foremost weather-vanes and a political prophet as well as a succinct interpreter of the signs of his time, Thomas L. Stokes, will long linger in the spirit among those who looked upon him as a criteria in the Fourth Estate and a reporter of courage and integrity.

Although born and reared in the South, it was a springboard to him into those areas demanding non-partisan and factual diagnosis. It can be said of him that he strove to be a reporter of honor, cutting across the orange and allowing the chips to fall where they would.

Living in these changing and disturbing times, Tom Stokes was able to leave the imprint of his powerful impulses, which will remain authentic indicators for years to come.

When his controversial views ran counter to many of his contemporaries, he persisted in a vein sensitive to the day of accountability.

His writings and comments would cover a large range in material touching one of the country's important eras. They will be sources for students in research for decades to come.

He is an exemplification of what honor can do in the touching and delicate problems now facing the nation and the South. He stands out as an exponent of the doctrine of the factual status quo, a primary factor in the solution of what faces the nation today.

His father before him devoted to this city and state a business career, being one of the original founders of Davison-Paxton-Stokes; his son doubtless preferred the hard road, rugged as it was, in the realm of journalism, to a bed already feathered in the business executive area.

As a fitting summary, surely nothing better of him could be said than Geography was not unkind to him.

Buried in Chicago

## Hugh S. Gardner, Former Editor, Dies

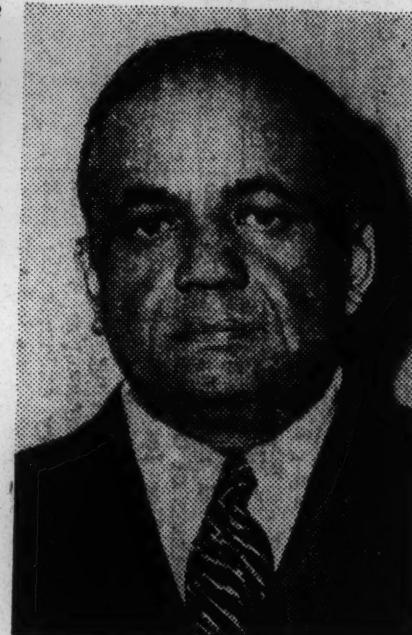
CHICAGO — Last rites were held for Hugh S. Gardner, veteran newsman and one-time city editor of the Chicago edition of the Pittsburgh Courier. Services were held at Greater St. John Baptist Church.

Gardner, who came to Chicago 35 years ago, was working as a juvenile supervisor at the Audy Home for Boys before his death. He died in Provident Hospital.

A native of Marion, Ohio, Gardner was a graduate of Ohio State University, where he was a member of the football squad and the band.

He was at one time city editor of the Chicago Whip, and when that paper faded he joined the Chicago World in the same capacity. He served as news editor for the Associated Negro Press and worked for the Chicago Defender as assistant city editor and later editor of the Defender's St. Louis edition.

Gardner was a member of Al-pha Phi Alpha fraternity. Surviving is his widow, Vernece. Burial



HUGH S. GARDNER

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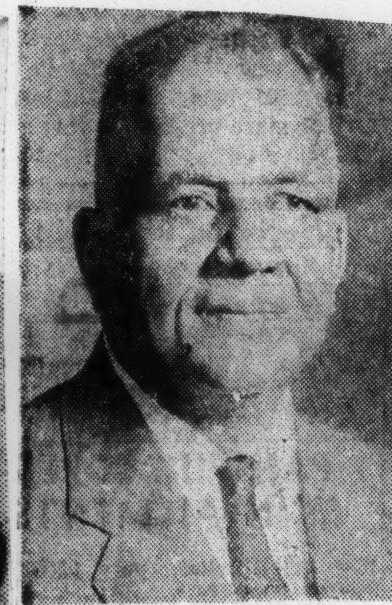
## Hugh S. Gardner, Journalist, Dies

Funeral services for Hugh S. Gardner, 58, veteran Chicago newspaperman who died Wednesday, Jan. 15, were held Saturday at Greater St. John Baptist church. Gardner, who was working as a juvenile supervisor at the Audy Home for Boys at the time of his death, died in Provident hospital where he had been confined since January 5.

A wake was held Friday night. Gardner came to Chicago 35 years ago and first came into prominence as city editor of the old Chicago Whip which was noted for its militancy and initiated the "do not buy where you cannot business" campaign in 1953 that he met his wife, Vernece, who survived him.

At the time of his death, he was writing a column for the Chicago Crusader.

Gardner had a deep civic conscience which led him into a

HUGH S. GARDNER  
number of campaigns for the improvement of local conditions.

His column "South of the Loop and West of the Lake" was invariably a bystander's view of people's conduct and morals. His writings often reflected a cynical humor.

A native of Marion, Ohio, Gardner was a graduate of Ohio State university where he played football and was a member of the band.

He was gregarious and widely known outside the newspaper field as a reconteur. He was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Aside from his wife, he leaves no other close relatives. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. William A. Johnson, pastor of Greater St. John Baptist church. Burial was in Chicago.

ILLINOIS

Following Brief Illness

## McHenry Kemp Dies; Well-Known Lawyer

MAYWOOD, Ill. — Requiem mass was said for Attorney McHenry Kemp, 47, of 611 S. 13th St., at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion.

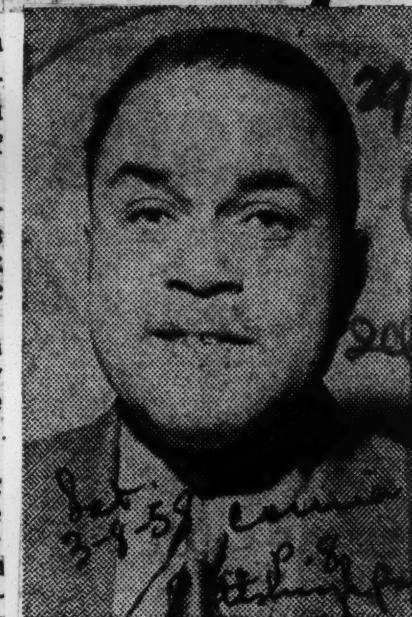
Mr. Kemp died in Billings Hospital after a brief illness. He was office manager for the Cook County Department of Public Welfare for more than 16 years.

A graduate of Northwestern and Howard University Law Schools, he was admitted to the bar in 1939.

MR. KEMP took an active part in the civic and community life of Maywood. He was a member of the Vestry of Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion and secretary of the Boy Scout Troop Committee No. 78.

Among his many activities, Mr. Kemp was a member of the Maywood Citizens for Community Development, a charter member of Central Civic League, chairman of Committee of Municipal Court, sub-Committee of MCCCD.

He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He is survived by his wife, Mercedes; a daughter, Olive; father, John M. Sr.; a brother, John M. Jr., and Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, a sister. Interment was made at Burr Oak Cemetery in Chicago.

GEORGE COHN  
... buried in ChicagoGeorge Cohn

## Last Rites For Father Of Musician

CHICAGO — Last rites were held for George Cohn, 54, a former post office employe and father of George (Sonny) Cohn, well-known trumpet player with the Red Saenger Band at Landmark Baptist Church, Saturday.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., Mr. Cohn was a member of the Postal Alliance.

Surviving are his wife, Anna; a daughter, Mrs. Frances Swope, and two sons, George Jr. and Leroy, and a host of relatives. Interment was made at Burr Oak Cemetery.

## Services Held For Former Demo Worker

Brooks N. Bradford, 57, of 7925 Lander, who was for many years actively associated with the 2nd Ward Democratic Organization as a precinct captain, died Wednesday morning at Oak Forest Hospital after a lingering illness.

Born in Ena, Miss., Bradford lived in Chicago 30 years. He was a personal bailiff to Judge J. Ferguson.

He is survived by a sister, Annie Jennings; brothers, Willie and Burton Bradford of Memphis, Tenn.; brothers, Wesley and Robert Bradford of Ena, Miss.; nephews and nieces in the Chicago-Gary area.

The wake will be held Friday night at 8 p.m. at Miller and Major Funeral Parlor, 730 E. 63rd St.

Persuing police said Samuel Bolden, 37, ignoring a stop sign at 76th st. and Wabash ave., slammed into the car driven by Mrs. Catherine Adams of 40 W. 78th place.

Her daughter was injured and her husband, Bernard, 32, escaped unharmed.

Adams, also a musician, said the family was returning from rehearsal for the Choral Silhouette's presentation of "The Mikado" at the Lincoln Center this weekend. He is director of the Silhouettes.

### ENDS CHASE

The crash ended a chase that began at Wabash ave. and 69th st. where Bolden was noticed speeding, police said.

Policemen Malcolm Lindsey and Pickney Branch said Bolden reached speeds of 60-miles an hour, side swiped two parked cars and ran four stop signs on Wabash ave.

Bolden told police he lived and worked at the Veterans Hospital in Hines, Ill., as a files custodian, but his local address is 6534 Normal. He is being held by Woodlawn police on charges of drunken driving, reckless homicide and failure to stop at a stop sign.

Mrs. Adams and her daughter were taken to St. George's hospital where she died a few moments later of a skull fracture. Arlene was treated for a fractured right arm, cut on the right knee, cut on the head and a cut on the left leg.

Adams said that both his daughter and wife were thrown from the car by the impact of the crash. He added that they were driving east on 76th st. and Bolden's car was traveling south on Wabash when it rammed them.

Mrs. Adams was thrown 35 feet from the intersection.

Mrs. Oscar Lee of 7558 Wabash heard the crash and summoned police.

### TAUGHT MUSIC

Mrs. Adams, well known in mu-



CATHERINE ADAMS

sic circles, was director of music at Park Manor Congregational church, and taught at the Jacksonian Community Center.

The gifted musician, a soprano, appeared as guest soloist in the 63rd anniversary concert of the Umbrian Glee club last Sunday at Dunbar high school.

A graduate of Roosevelt university, she was one of the first of her group to enter the school when it was organized more than 10 years ago.

An active person in the music life of the Community Mrs. Adams was a member of the Chicago Music Association, and the National Association of Negro Musicians Inc., and won a scholarship from that organization several years ago.

A member of the widely-acclaimed Jacksonian Trio, composed of her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Jackson-Taylor, and her sister, Mrs. Betty Lou Jackson King, Mrs. Adams was often featured as the

leading singer.

At press time tentative plans called for a wake to be held at Park Manor Congregational with funeral services to be held at Greater St. John Baptist church, 4828 S. Michigan blvd., Saturday, 11 a.m.

The remains were taken to the funeral parlors at 79th and S. Park ave.

In addition to her husband and her daughter Mrs. Adams is survived by her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Jackson Taylor, and her sister, Mrs. Betty L. King.

## Big Bill Broonzy, famed blues singer, dies at 65

CHICAGO — "Big Bill" Broonzy, ex-Pullman porter who came out of Arkansas playing a cigar box with strings to develop into a living legend in the realm of rhythm and blues, sat down his guitar last week and died at 65.

Death came last Friday in an ambulance taking him to a hospital.

BROONZY was born in Mississippi, moved to Arkansas, then came here to work as a Red Cap in 1920.

Christened William H. C. Conley, he changed his name to "Big Bill" in 1926 after making his first record for the Paramount Record Co., because his own name was too long to fit on record labels.

A SINGER, guitarist and composer, Big Bill has appeared at Carnegie Hall, and won two tours — once in 1951 and again in 1954.

He was author of more than 350 songs, and many of his records are collectors' items.

IN MORE recent years he operated his own tavern on Chicago's South Side.

His last major engagement was as a member of the cast of "I Come for to Sing," which ran for nearly two years in the Loop's Blue Note Club.

Mr. Broonzy, considered one of the greatest of the so-called "primitive" guitarists, recently published his autobiography "Big Bill Blues." His widow Mrs. Rose Broonzy, four sisters, and a brother survive.



BIG BILL BROONZY

# Death Removes Two Of Nation's Leading Women

By THEODORE C. STONE

Death has removed from the scene two of the most engaging personalities ever to gain public notice. They were Dr. Mary Fitz Waring, and Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor-Dodson.

Though different in temperament and outlook, the two women were united together by a FIRM BELIEVER in the full manhood of the Negro woman.

As teacher, doctor, leader, writer and crusader Dr. Waring was always in the front line of the sunlight of democracy.

Dr. Waring was for many years fighting for the rights and privileges of her people and was a firm believer that every individual, regardless of race, color, or religion, who had striven to shed off the impositions of second class citizenship, was always in the front line.

Mrs. Taylor-Dodson fought doggedly in her weekly column which appeared in the Chicago Defender to promote inter-racial understanding among women of the world.

She was a pioneer in the development of the National Association of Colored Women.

The two women were often thrown together through their varied activities and at some points they agreed, but there were times that they went their separate ways on questions.

Dr. Waring, a former school teacher, philanthropist, medical doctor and past president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, died Dec. 3, following an illness of considerable length. She was buried at Lincoln cemetery, following a requiem high mass at St. Thomas Episcopal church, Tuesday, Dec. 9, with Father Harry Sterling officiating.

Mrs. Taylor-Dodson, a former columnist and former secretary of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, died Sunday, Dec. 7, after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were Thursday, December 11, at Pilgrim Baptist church, with Dr. J. C. Austin, sr., officiating. Burial was at Burr Oak cemetery.

**PIONEER CHICAGOANS** In addition to her countless charitable, social and organizational deeds Dr. Waring was often linked socially with such pioneer Chicagoans of years gone by as Mrs. Ida Wells Barnett, Carey B. and Bertha Moseley Lewis, Nahum D. Brashier, Mrs. Beulah

While Dr. Waring made a tremendous contribution to women's clubs and served the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs for two terms from 1933-37, Dr. and Mr. Cleveland Hall.

She was witty, and had a quick repartee and could at the drop of a hat spring to action. Some called her a born aristocrat, and others said that she was always in a whirl, but as for me, I was impressed with one of her sayings which she repeated often: "Believe and your ship will come in."

**A BRILLIANT WRITER** Mrs. Taylor-Dodson, an equally alert woman who came forward with a background of teaching experience and made a major contribution to the field of journalism through her writings in the Chicago Defender with which

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of that organization, and always kept their program before the public.

A former president of the Georgia Federation of Colored Women's clubs she went to the National with a deal of experience and background for her work.

She was the first executive secretary of the National Association and headed the drive of the National Headquarters Department, which netted more than \$16,000 in two years.

**GAVE VALUABLE AID**

She gave valuable assistance in the establishment of a Child's Clinic — a 20 year old project; and a training school for delinquent girls, plus a home for the aged in Savannah. These very real institutions are testimony of Mrs. Taylor's work and worth.

As a speaker and consultant Mrs. Taylor-Dodson edited the club women's page in the Chicago Defender for years and was nominated in 1948 by the Progressive Party for the position

of Secretary of State in Illinois.



DR. MARY F. WARING

MRS. REBECCA S. T. DODSON

## Atty. T. Renfroe Eaton Passes Away In Chicago

A wire message from Chicago, Ill., said that Atty. T. Renfroe Eaton, who once lived in Birmingham, died Dec. 24 "after a severe illness."

The telegram was signed by Mrs. Doris C. Eaton of 664 East 131st St., Chicago, Ill.

Funeral was held Monday, Dec. 29 with Waterford Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Eaton organized the Cooperative Life and Hospital Insurance Company which had headquarters in Birmingham and branch offices in other Alabama cities. He made numerous efforts to keep the company in operation, but it flickered out.

Meantime he organized a slick paper magazine of opinion which he called "Commentator." It was a journal of opinion, with a sprinkling of poetry. The magazine was not able to stay in circulation.

While in Alabama Atty. Eaton was not practicing law. But local lawyers credited him with having a brilliant legal mind. He was a

graduate of the Law School of Boston University and before entering the insurance field has been an established practicing attorney. When he left Birmingham he returned to Chicago where he re-entered the practice of law.

In 1952, he was on the scene at the National Nominating Convention of the Democratic Party in Chicago to greet those who came from Birmingham as convention observers.

While in Birmingham, Mr. Eaton was not much of a public figure. But he moved around among those he thought in a position to be helpful night in the hospital after an ful to the activities in which he was interested.

Mr. Eaton was a native of North Carolina and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Often Mr. Eaton found himself in Tampa, but he was able to come out of most of them. Yet he was able to make valuable contacts. He often confided to friends "that cracks" he was in but was able to come out of them.

Dr. Waring taught in Louisville, KY, and in Chicago before entering the medical field. She lived at 6559 S. Parkway, and was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal church.

She was educated in Louisville and Chicago.

Survivors include her nephews, Granville F. Adams of 7238 Eberhart and Jimmie Fitzbutler; two sisters, Mrs. Prima Washington of Louisville, and Mrs. Myra Vincent of Los Angeles and a niece, Leona Michael also of Los Angeles.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at press time, however burial is expected to be in Lincoln Cemetery.

## Dr. J. Hightower Pharmacist Dies

Dr. James R. Hightower, a retired pharmacist, died last week in Mercy hospital after a long illness.

A graduate of Meharry Medical college, Dr. Hightower had worked in Jackson, Tenn., before coming to Chicago to practice in 1937. He was a member of the Pharmacist Association and the Holy Name Society of St. Michael Catholic church.

Dr. Hightower who lived at 1144 W. 61st st., was a native of Sardis, Miss. He is survived by:

His wife, Mrs. Lola Hightower; three daughters, Georgia King, Mary Artry and Rebecca Braithwaite; two sons, Jefferson and Clifford Hightower; a sister, Mrs.

ATTY. T. R. EATON  
(As he keynoted the founding meeting of the Alabama Progressive Democratic Association, Sept. 19, 1948.)

# Dr. Mary F. Waring Dies; Was Physician And Teacher

Chicago, Ill.  
Ethel Coppage, all of Chicago; a brother, Robert H. Hightower of Sardis, and seven grandchildren.

## Cora Patton Dies; Ex-NAACP Head

Mrs. Cora M. Patton, one of Chicago's foremost civil leaders died Tuesday evening at Illinois Research Hospital. Mrs. Patton had undergone surgery on July 5 for lung cancer.

Mrs. Patton came to Chicago as a child from Nebraska. She gave her time and energies to a number of causes, all of which had the same common denominator, the betterment of other people's lives.

In the early 1930's Mrs. Patton took a number of children into her home and raised them as her own. This naturally led to her deep interest in concentration on PTA affairs. She was the first Negro woman to serve as auditor on the Chicago PTA Council and was also the first of her race to serve as chairman of the PTA by-laws committee.

In 1954, Mrs. Patton became the first woman to be elected president of the Chicago Branch of the NAACP. She held that office for two consecutive years. She also is credited with launching the first NAACP tag day "Crusade For Liberty" campaign.

Her former pastor, late Rev. William S. Bradden referred to Mrs. Patton as "God's gift to the human race."

She is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Elsie Russ, Mrs. Rebia Lindsey and Mrs. Estelle Thomas.

Cora, M. Patton,  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Chicago, N.A.A.C.P.  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Leader Dies  
Aug. 15, 1958

CHICAGO (AP)—Mrs. Cora M. Patton, former president of the Chicago Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, died Tuesday in Illinois Research hospital. At the time of her death she was vice president and honorary chairman of the Membership Committee of the Chicago NAACP.

She was the first Negro woman to serve as auditor of the PTA High School Council and the first of her race to serve as chairman of the PTA By-Laws Committee. She was one of the organizers of the Moseley School PTA.

While president of the Women's Auxiliary, she launched the first NAACP Tag Day with "Crusade for Liberty" buttons. She received the support of the late Alderman Jackson who secured the cooperation of the members of the City Council and official permission to tag. Alternative plans were prepared to tag in the churches if such permission had not been granted.

Mrs. Patton was one of the originators of the NAACP Tee which became an annual event in support of the program and activities of the NAACP in Chicago.

## Blues Singer Washington, D.C. Broonzy Dies

Chicago Tribune News Service

CHICAGO, Aug. 15 — William L. C. (Big Bill) Broonzy, 65, famous Negro blues singer and songwriter, died today in an ambulance taking him from his home to a hospital.

"Big Bill" was born in Mississippi but came to Chicago in 1920 to work as a Redcap. He won his greatest fame in Europe, where he made long tours in 1951 and 1954. He was credited with writing about 350 songs. He made his first recordings in 1926.

In recent years he was a member of the cast of "I Come for to Sing" which set a long run record of nearly two years at the Blue Note, Chicago jazz music spot. He also operated a saloon.

Mr. Broonzy, considered one of the greatest of the so-called "primitive" guitarists, recently published his autobiography, "Big Bill Blues," his wife, Rose, four sisters, and a brother survive.



MRS. CORA PATTON

# Final Rites Held For Rev. Hendon

Defender P. 3

By THEODORE C. STONE

Impressive and dignified rites were held Wednesday for Rev. Ira Monroe Hendon, noted religious leader and pastor of Morning Star Baptist church.

Outstanding leaders of the church and the National Baptist Convention of America were present at the services of Rev. Hendon, who spent 25 of his 65-year ministerial career at Morning Star. 11-8-58

Some of them were Dr. C. D. Pettaway, president, National Baptist convention; Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. P. S. Wilkerson, San Antonio, Tex.; Rev. E. H. Branch, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. D. D. Banks, Walla Walla, Wash.; and Rev. O. B. Williams, Portland, Ore.

Rev. Hendon died at his home on Oct. 22 following a long illness. He was a native of Texas and entered the ministry in 1892. During his life he served in official positions with the Illinois State and National Baptist conventions.

He was secretary and transportation manager of the Home Mission board for more than 36 years.

He was educated at Guadalupe college, Seguin, Tex.; Iowa Christian college and the University of Chicago, obtaining a master's degree from the Iowa college in religious education.

At the funeral rites an overflow congregation was present to pay the last respects to one whose leadership and guidance had meant much to them.

As a leader, Rev. Hendon was highly respected in civic as well as religious affairs and contributed much to his time to welfare causes.

#### CONVENTION POST

He held positions in the Northwood River District Association, Baptist M. E. Convention of Illinois, and other organizations.

While high churchmen attended the funeral along with laymen, and others who had known Rev.

Hendon, three-minute remarks were made by Dr. J. C. Austin, sr.; Rev. L. Boddie, Rev. F. D. Johnson, Dr. Louis Rawles, Rev. J. H. L. Smith and Rev. S. Jones, of Nashville, Tenn.

The senior choir of the church sang some of the deceased pastor's favorite hymns including "Must Jesus Bear The Cross," "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," and "Amazing Grace." In a congregational song "When The Gentle Roll Is Called" led by Mrs. Mattie Decus, the music was an inspiration for the service.

Survived by his wife, Mrs. Belle E. Hendon; a daughter, Cora E.; two sons, Emmette L. and Rev. Theodore R., seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Interment was in Burr Oak cemetery.

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## \$1,500,000 Tidal Basin Bridge Built by Alexander & Repass Co.



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Prominent engineer Archie Alexander and his partner, M. Repass, specialized in bridges, highways, power plants and sewage disposal plants, and above is the \$1,500,000 bridge built across one end of the

renowned Cherry Tree tidal basin in Washington, D. C., which was completed in 1943 by the interracial firm.

Other projects built in the Capital

# Heart Attack Fatal to Brilliant Engineer, Former Virgin Islands Governor

Last rites for Archie A. Alexander, 69, 2200 Chautauqua Parkway, widely-known Des Moines-Washington, D. C. architectural engineer and contractor and one time governor of the Virgin Islands, who died of a heart attack at his home early Saturday morning, were held Wednes-

day by the engineering company which by the engineering company was the three-million dollar Whitehurst Freeway along the Potomac River; a water reservoir, and the widening of the Francis Scott Key bridge.

day at 2:30 p.m. at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 9th and High Street. He had been in ill health two years and underwent two major operations recently.

### Personal Slant

For a more personal slant and observations on the life of Mr. Alexander, read the "Personal Touch" by Marie Ross on page 5 and "Sports" by Allen Ashby, on page 6.

A native of Iowa, Mr. Alexander was known all over the state and in the nation's capital for his engi-

neering skills and achievements receiving public acknowledgement for such when an honorary degree in civil engineering was conferred upon him by his alma mater, the State University of Iowa in 1925. A year later the same school cited him with the Harmon Business Second award for outstanding service to industry, following completion of his largest construction in Iowa, the power plant at the university. In 1928, Mr. Alexander was awarded the Harmon Medal as the second most successful Negro in American business.

### Birthplace

Born in Ottumwa, May 14, 1888 of Price and Mary Alexander, the family moved to Des Moines a year later. He attended Oak Park grammar school, Oak Park High School, the Highland Park college and later, worked his way through the engineering college at the State University of Iowa, where he graduated



Mr. Alexander

in 1912, after winning his letter for three years as a tackle on the Iowa football teams of 1910-12.

### Partnerships

Several years after his graduation the partnership of Alexander and Higbee Contractors was formed in 1917 building numerous sewers, bridges and viaducts over Iowa, the largest being the South Des Moines sewer system. After the death of Higbee in 1925, he worked alone for a few years before forming the

partnership of Alexander & Repass, in 1929, with offices in the Securities Building, of which he was the president until his death.

### Constructions

Among their construction projects in Washington, D. C., was a 3-million-dollar freeway along the Potomac River, a million-dollar bridge across one end of the famous Cherry Tree Tidal basin, a water reservoir and the widening of the Francis Scott Key Bridge. They built the \$1,321,000 Douglass Apartments in 1955 at Anacosta, Md., on property owned by the National Association of Colored Women. In Des Moines the firm built the north ends of East 14th and West 18th Street bridges.

### Inspection Tours

In 1934, Mr. Alexander was one of 12 members of a special commission sent to Haiti for a study of economic and social conditions. In 1953, he made an inspection trip with 14 others to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, at the request of Navy Secretary R. B. Anderson.

### Virgin Islands

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### Chairmanships

Mr. Alexander was an active Republican, serving in state and national campaigns, and as a special assistant to the State Chairman from 1940-52. He was a past president of the Des Moines branch of the NAACP and the Inter-Racial Commission, and was chairman of the Polk County draft board No. 6 during World War II for five years.

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Willkie House

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Gardner Cowles foundation gave \$125,000 for the building of the new Willkie House. In addition he headed the board of management of crocker branch YMCA and was a former grand polemarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. *P. 3*

#### **Surviving**

Surviving Mr. Alexander are his widow, the former Audrey A. Linzy, whom he married in 1913; five sisters, Mrs. Harriet Hawkins, and Mrs. Helen Lee, of Chicago, Mrs. Colleen Jones, of Blue Islands, Ill., Mrs. Doris Thomas, Philadelphia, Penna., and Mrs. Edna Pinkard, of New York City; a brother, Harold Alexander, of St. Louis; and a number of nieces and nephews.

## **Envoy Arch Alexander Dead At 69**

DES MOINES — (INS) — Archie A. Alexander, 69, former Governor of the Virgin Islands, suffered a fatal heart attack at his home, 2200 Chautauqua parkway in Des Moines Saturday.

Alexander resigned as Governor of the Virgin Islands Aug. 18, 1955, during a Congressional investigation into construction contracts he had awarded. The low bid had been submitted by a firm composed of some of Alexander's former associates but it was rejected.

Alexander denied any "improper action" in connection with the contract. He had been in ill health the past two years and recently underwent major surgery.

#### **HEADED FIRM**

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Among projects his firm built was a 3 million dollar freeway along the Potamac river and a bridge across one end of the Cherry tree tidal basin.

In 1941 he was elected a trustee of Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Ala.

He is survived by his wife, five sister and one brother. Funeral services are planned for Wednesday, Jan. 8, at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Des Moines.

Archie A. Alexander, 69

# Bury Ex-Governor of V. I.



When Archie A. Alexander was sworn in as Governor of the Virgin Islands by U. S. Judge Herman E. Moore.

DES MOINES, Ia. (ANP)—Last rites and testament were held Wednesday for Archie A. Alexander, 69-year-old construction engineer and former Governor of the Virgin Islands, who died at his home of a heart attack. He was in ill health at the time of his resignation as Governor.

A native of Ottumwa, Iowa, he was head of the construction firm of Alexander and Repass, which has offices both in Washington, D. C. and Des Moines. He was also a trustee of Tuskegee Institute.

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The firm is responsible for such construction as widening of a bridge over the Des Moines river; concrete tunnel for Iowa State University; \$1 million tidal basin bridge, Washington, D. C.; power plant at Columbus, Neb.; civilian airfield, Tuskegee, Ala.; \$3 million freeway along the Potomac river, and various projects for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad.

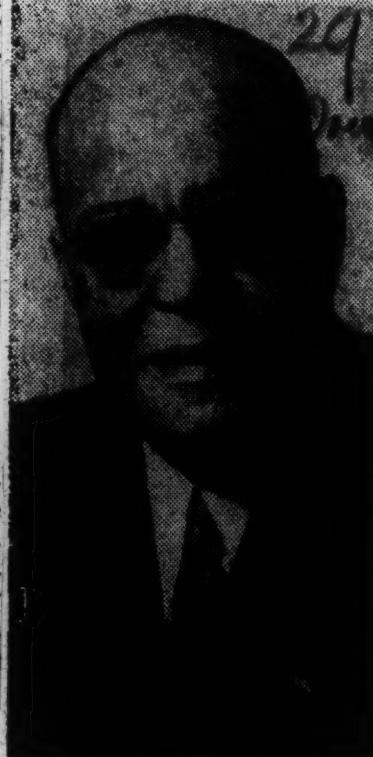
He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Audria Alexander; five sisters and one brother. The couple had one child, who is deceased.

Among the 50 honorary pall-bearers were 20 whites headed by his partner, M. A. Ropass, and a number of other well-known citizens of Des Moines. Many out-of-town visitors attended the rites.

## A. A. Alexander, Island Official

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Varsity Book, 1-6-58  
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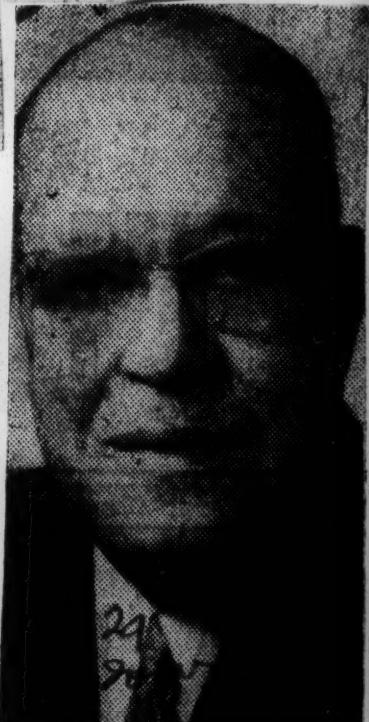
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A. A. ALEXANDER

## A. A. Alexander U.S. American buried in Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (ANP)—Archie A. Alexander, an Iowa boy, who rose to the heights in his chosen profession of engineering and won distinction in other fields, having been chosen as Governor of the Virgin Islands by President Eisenhower, was buried here Wednesday.

The high regard in which Archie Alexander was held, is attested by the wide variety of people who came to pay their last respects as the final rites were said over the 69-year-old leader at St. Paul Episcopal Church here.

Alexander had been in ill health for the past two years

and had gone through two operations recently although death came from a heart attack.

AMONG THE 50 honorary pallbearers were noted 20 whites headed by his partner, M. A. Repass and a number of other well known citizens of Des Moines.

Out of town visitors, many of them pallbearers included: T. K. Gibson Sr., Harry Gibson, Jefferson G. Ish, Earl B. Mrs. Cora Stewart, all of Chi-  
O., and Frank E. Summers of East St. Louis, all representing the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Co.;

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Belle, Iowa City, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Harper and Mrs. George Harper, Fort Madison, Iowa; Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Bush, Sioux Frantz, Indianapolis, representing Howard University;

Claude A. Barnett of Chicago and Dr. T. S. Williams, representing the trustees, officers and faculty of Tuskegee Institute; Dr. Robert Cotton, Jackson, Mich., educational tie-  
to of Virgin Islands during the Alexander Regime;

Dr. and Mrs. James Crump, St. Paul, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Austin, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Mrs. Fred (Duke) Slater, Chicago, Mrs. Allan Lemmie, Iowa City, Dr. R. A. Dobson, New York;

MR. AND MRS. Preston Evans, and Mr. and Mrs. Dukehart, Detroit, William E. Warwick, St. Paul, Marie Ross, Kansas City, Mo., Dr. and Mrs. Rufus Beshears, St. Joseph, Mo., Prof. Frederick G. Higbee and Dr. Bruce Mahana, both representing Iowa University;

C. Roger Wilson, attorney, of Chicago, grand polemarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity whose members under the leadership of Dr. E. Thomas Scales, served in a hospitality capacity.

Interment was at Glendale Cemetery here.

# Tributes to A. A. Alexander

Septander Des Moines Iowa  
May the GOOD . . . that he did live . . .  
long after him P. L. Thurs 1-16-58

BY MRS. FRANCES HAWTHORNE

A man of distinction . . . loyalty . . . congeniality . . . fairness . . . kindness . . . was he, Archie Alexander, internationally-known engineer-contractor, statesman, civic-minded citizen, and Negro leader. Friends and acquaintances in all walks of life saw in him these qualities . . . a man who rose to heights of greatness in many fields of achievements . . . who realized the fruits of his dreams . . . but did not make dreams his master.

The Virgin Islands newspaper, "The Daily News", upon learning of his death wrote an editorial which ended with the following paragraphs:

"Governor Archie Alexander's contribution in the confused times was better recognized and respected after he left the island than during the time he occupied the Executive Mansion here. The very people who clamored loudly for his resignation and who led the march on Government House to force him to quit were the ones who, a few short months afterwards, wished he had been still in office. But it was too late.

## Pedestal for Future

The man who had made a complete success of his life in the broad land of America could not bring peace and abundance as he envisaged it to a disorganized handful of people in the Virgin Islands. However, there is solace in the fact that he laid the foundation for the future which, despite discord and misunderstanding, is an enduring pedestal for a happy future."

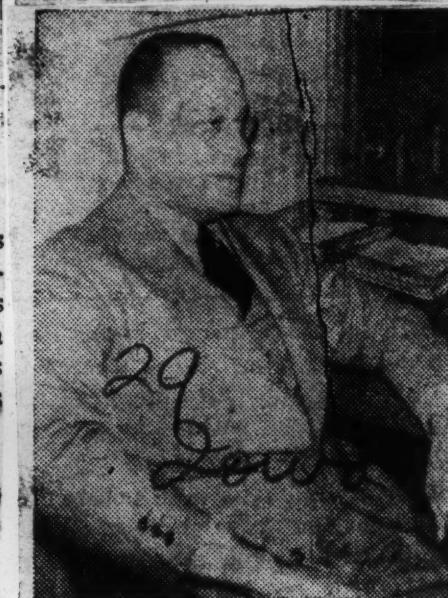
The flag over Government house remained at half mast until after the funeral.

At Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, where Mr. Alexander was a trustee for 16 years, school officials had a resolution drawn up conveying their condolences to the family: "Tuskegee Institute was close to Archie Alexander's heart. He had a fine understanding of the institution's needs as well as a great vision and fine imagination of its possibilities.

## \$10,000 Gift

" . . . One of his most useful philanthropic gestures was his gift of \$10,000 for an engineering library . . . One could visit him on a job or tramp about a project . . .

cial barriers, "Archie got up in the world and became a big man."



## Alexander Notables in Des Moines For Rites of Alexander

Personages prominent in business, professional and social circles came to Des Moines last Wednesday, Jan. 8, to attend funeral rites for Archie A. Alexander, widely-known architectural-engineer-contractor, who died of a heart attack Jan. 4.

Among those paying final tribute to Mr. Alexander were: Prof. Frederick G. Higbee, representing Dr. Virgil Hancher, of Iowa University; Dr. Bruce Mahan, Extension representative from Iowa University; Dr. T. S. Williams, of Tuskegee Institute; Dr. James Crump, St. Paul, Minn.; Dr. and Mrs. Rufus Beshears, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Truman Gibson, Claude Barnett, Dr. R. A. Dobson Jr., Dr. Ed. Beasley, Albert P. Bentley, Earl Dickerson, Harvey Gibson, Jefferson Gish, Ed S. Gillespie, John H. Johnson, Theodore H. Jones and Frank Summers, all of Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company in Chicago, Ill.

Also Rodger Wilson, present grand polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity; Mrs. Fred (Duke) Slater of Chicago, Ill.; and DeFrance, of Indianapolis, Ind., representing Dr. Mordecai Johnson of Howard University in Washington, D. C.

A neighbor for 15 years, Loren Cox, of Cox Boiler & Heating Service, stated "We have regarded them as highly as any neighbor we've had. I admired him very much because" despite hardships resulting from ra-

# Rites Today For Former Gov. Of Virgin Islands

*29 Jan 1958*  
*Archie A. Alexander*  
*Ex-Virgin Islands Governor Dies*

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A native of Ottumwa, Ia., he was head of the construction firm of Alexander and Repass which has offices both in Washington, D. C., and Des Moines. He was also a trustee of Tuskegee Institute named in 1944 — and a close adviser to its administration when the new school of engineering was launched. He served as chairman of the school's building and grounds committee and followed every important bit on building construction and advised on plans for future physical development of the institution.

#### FROM HAITI TO PEARL HARBOR

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# Snub Started His Climb To Fame

# Archie Alexander, Ex-Governor, Dies

*Special to Journal and Guide*

DES MOINES, Ia. — Be-

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# Stricken And Dies

Kansas City, Mo.

## At Home

Jan. 11-12 '58

Bridge Builder And  
Ex-Governor of The  
Virgin Island Was 69

By MARIE ROSS

DES MOINES, Iowa. — Internationally known engineer-contractor, Archie A. Alexander, who had served as governor of the Virgin Islands, died of a heart ailment Saturday morning, Jan. 4, at his home here.

The 69-year-old bridge builder had returned home last fall from Washington, D. C., where his company, Alexander & Repass had constructed several super-highways, freeways, bridges, apartment buildings and other projects.

Two months ago, Mr. Alexander underwent surgery at the Mercy hospital here. He improved, took part in recent holiday events, and returned to his downtown office last Thursday and Friday to resume, for the new year, his engineering projects with his partner, M. A. Repass.

### Previous Attacks

Mr. Alexander had suffered previous heart attacks, one in 1953, prior to his appointment to the governorship, and others during his 1954-55 administration in the Virgin Islands.

Returning to Iowa the latter part of 1955, he "took it easy" for awhile, then, rejoined his company on construction jobs in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Alexander had led a colorful life since his boyhood days in Ottumwa, Iowa, where he was one of nine children born, May 14, 1888, to Price and Mary (Hamilton) Alexander. In Ottumwa, he used to play in the streams and at the river banks—building dams and bridges—he had revealed on several occasions.

In 1900, his father, a coachman, moved the Alexander family to Des Moines for better schools. The father became a bank janitor and operated a farm in the Highland Park community, while Archie helped with the farming and attended high school at Oak Park,



ARCHIE ALEXANDER

which later consolidated with North high school.

Upon graduating, Mr. Alexander enrolled at Des Moines college in Highland Park, long since abandoned. He went out for football, attracting the attention of the college president, who told him he had all of the education he needed then closed the school's doors to young Alexander because he was a Negro.

Mr. Alexander went to the State University of Iowa where he worked his way through school and starred in football as a varsity tackle, during the years of '09, '10 and '11. He was honored during the early years of the Missouri Valley Conference by being given a berth on the mythical team of the Big Ten.

Earning his civil engineering degree from the University of Iowa in 1912, Mr. Alexander started his career as designing engineer with Marsh Engineering Co., Des Moines, and after one year of work, was given charge of bridge construction work in Iowa and Minnesota.

### Interracial Partnership

In 1914, Mr. Alexander went into business for himself, working with a white partner, George F. Higbee. During the eight years of this partnership before the death of Mr. Higbee, Mr. Alexander went in 1921 to England to do post-graduate study in bridge designing at the University of London. He returned that year to Iowa university for his master's degree.

In 1929, with another white classmate, M. A. Repass, Mr. Alexander organized the Alexander & Repass Co., of which he was president until his death, with the exception of the 13 months he served as governor of the Virgin Islands.

From the company's first big engineering project, a sewage disposal plant in Grand Rapids, Mich., the interracial partners were eminently successful until 1935 when a prolonged labor strike on a Chicago, Ill., project caused them to lose \$75,000 on a contract bid. With only \$4,000 left, they went to work, climbing steadily the engineers' ladder of success.

During World War II, Mr. Alexander's company, built an aviation school for the training of Negro pilots at Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

He shifted his company's engineering interests to the Capitol City, Washington, where in 1943, the Alexander and Repass company, built some of the largest public works construction jobs in the District—the \$1,500,000 Tidal Basin Bridge; and in 1949, the three-million-dollar Whitehurst Freeway along the Potomac river, which was designed to carry heavy rush-hour traffic around historic Georgetown.

### On Frederick Douglass Land

In 1953, Mr. Alexander's firm constructed over a million dollars' worth of apartment buildings on six acres of the Frederick Douglass Memorial estate in Anacostia, D. C., for the National Association of Colored Women. The land was left to the colored women of America by ancestors of the great abolitionist.

While working in Washington, Mr. Alexander lectured regularly to engineering students of Howard university. The story of his success in the engineering world has been told many times in national magazines and newspapers.

### In Iowa Affairs

Vitally active in Iowa, the welfare of its citizens and their equality of opportunity in all endeavors. Mr. Alexander's record for the pre-and-post-World War II eras, revealed heated public speeches on political and racial issues, in which he avowed—"too long have Negroes been on the catching end. Let us become pitchers."

In 1941, Mr. Alexander "pitched" in the Des Moines school board election as its first Negro candidate. Although he lost his first run, he did not lose spirit.

### Sought Defense Jobs

He became actively interested in national defense, making frequent trips to Washington to confer with World War II department officials in regard to defense work. He fought for racial integration in defense jobs in Des Moines.

At that time he was serving as an Iowa draft board chairman, and rejected any suggestions that would have discriminated or en-

couraged Negro draftees to get into anything that had no possibility of advancement.

### Headed Civic Groups

Mr. Alexander was president of the Negro Community Center board when the Gardner Cowles Foundation gave \$100,000 for the building of a new center to be known as Willkie House. He headed the building committee of the center which was constructed in 1951.

He was a member of a committee which held frequent conferences with the Des Moines school board until Negro teachers were hired for the mixed schools.

He had been chairman of the Crocker YMCA board and of the Des Moines Interracial Commission; and, had served as president of the Des Moines branch of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

### Political Leader

A leader in Republican politics, he had been active in city, county, state and national organizations and campaigns. His support of the Republican party, led to his appointment by President Eisenhower to the Virgin Islands post as governor.

An Episcopalian and a former grand polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Mr. Alexander was proud to be known as a board member of the famed institute that was founded by B. T. Washington, Tuskegee; and, the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance company of Chicago.

### The State University of Iowa

honored Mr. Alexander as one of its 100 most successful graduates. Howard university bestowed upon him its first honorary Doctor of Engineering degree in 1946. The Harmon Foundation awarded him a bronze medal in 1926 for being the second most outstanding Negro in the business world that year.

### World Traveler

Mr. Alexander had traveled around the world. In 1934, he was appointed to a commission to investigate the economic and social possibilities of Haiti.

That same year, he and Mrs. Alexander made their first trips to Europe, South America and Africa.

In 1953, Mr. Alexander was one of 15 men who went on an inspection tour of naval bases in Pearl Harbor and other parts of Hawaii, as guests of the U. S. Secretary of the Navy.

After resigning as governor of the Virgin Islands, he and his wife toured the Caribbean Islands, then

went back to Europe. Last year, they went to South America again and had planned to go to Asia this winter.

Services were set for Wednesday, Jan. 8, at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Des Moines.

His wife, Audra A., resides at the home at 2200 Chautauqua Parkway.

# Douglas Miller, 93, Passes

## Served as Messenger For 9 Iowa Governors

Word was received here Monday evening of the death of Douglass Miller, 96, messenger to nine Iowa governors who established a record as the oldest employee in state government history.

Mr. Miller, had been living with his son, Dr. S. Douglas Miller, a dentist in St. Louis, Mo., following his retirement from the Iowa payroll a year ago last January. He had been ailing for several years.

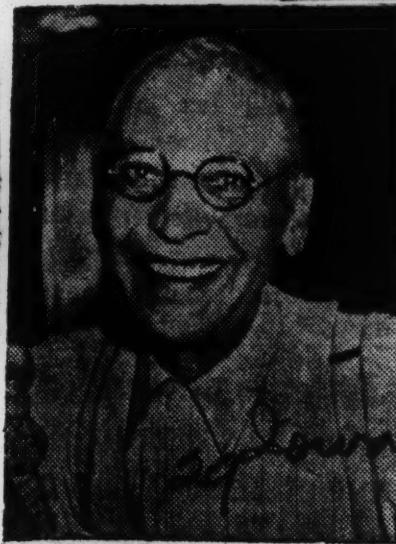
He was born as a slave in Missouri in 1861 but during his early childhood was brought to Mt. Pleasant, Ia., where he grew up. Mr. Miller was head waiter in the old Kirkwood and Savery hotels here between 1882 and 1912 where he first became acquainted with some of the governors he was later to serve under as messenger.

He saw initial service as messenger under the Gov. George W. Clarke and had known 19 of the 32 men who have served as governor of Iowa.

In addition Mr. Miller served under Governors William L. Harding, Nathan E. Kendall, George A. Wilson, Bourke B. Hickenlooper, W. S. Beardsley, Leo Elthon and Hoegh. Also, he was a personal friend of these governors, John H. Gear, Burn, R. Sherman, William Larrabee, Horace Boies, Frank D. Jackson, Francis Drake, Leslie M. Shaw, Albert B. Cummins, Warren Garst, and B. F. Carroll.

Several years ago Mr. Miller received national recognition when Look magazine carried a picture and article applauding his long public career.

He retired when Gov. Leo Hoegh. In 1928, Alexander was awarded the Spingarn



DOUGLAS MILLER

left office in Jan. 1957. At that time Mr. Hoegh paid him the tribute: "Douglas has become a tradition of this great state; he has been a most faithful and loyal public servant."

Funeral services were held Wednesday in St. Louis.

**EX-GOVERNOR  
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*Sun. 1-5-58*  
A. A. Alexander Named

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A firm composed of some of Alexander's former business associates was low bidder. Alexander said there was no improper action on the part of his office and said it was at his instigation that the low bid and that of another contractor were rejected.

### Built Potomac Freeway

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conditions. In 1941 he was elected a trustee of Tuskegee Institute at Tuskegee, Ala. He leaves a wife and five sisters.

## Funeral Will Be At Calvary Baptist Church 2 p.m. Friday

Willie Lee Kean, the younger half of the most famous brother coaching team known in this generation, died Tuesday afternoon after a long illness. Mr. Kean had undergone surgery in Cleveland in 1956 and was hospitalized last summer in Lexington.

Poor health much of the current school year forced him to miss several practice sessions and one trip but he piloted Central High to its second straight Louisville Invitational Basketball Championship.

The body will be at home, 206 Grand, from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 11 a.m. Friday. It will lie at state at Calvary Baptist Church, 28th and Greenwood, from 11 a.m. Friday until the funeral service at 2 p.m.

### Survivors

Survivors include a wife, Mrs. W. L. Kean; a son, Willie Lee, Jr., a Central student; a daughter, Alice Carolyn, a sixth grade student at Virginia Avenue School; a sister, Mrs. Ollie Kean Boone; a brother, Dan Gardner, and a niece Carole a nephew, Henry Arthur Jr.

Burial will be at Eastern Cemetery with fannie Hobbs Funeral Home in charge.

A diminutive yet all-around athlete, Willie Lee, like his brother, Henry Arthur, won national recognition as a moulder of champions.

Becoming coach at Central in 1923, Coach Kean headed all sports until 1955.

Remaining head coach of basketball until his death, Coach Kean amassed a record of 857 victories and 83 losses out of 940 games. He led his teams to five state championships of the Kentucky High School Athletic League and captured four national high school championships.



Coach W. L. Kean

## Noted Negro Educator, M. J. Sleet, 65, Dies

*Courier Journal* Special to The Courier-Journal, P. 1-II  
Owensboro, Ky., May 6.—M. J. Sleet, 65, business manager of the West Kentucky Vocational School at Paducah for 26 years and a Negro civic leader, died unexpectedly about 9:30 a.m. Monday. *Louisville, Ky.*

Before his association with the school, Professor Sleet had been an insurance-company executive in Owensboro. Death was attributed to a heart attack. He was a native of Perryville.

Sleet took an active part in church, community, and educational affairs in Owensboro and the state. He was honored two years ago by the board of directors of the Kentucky Teachers Association in recognition of his school work.

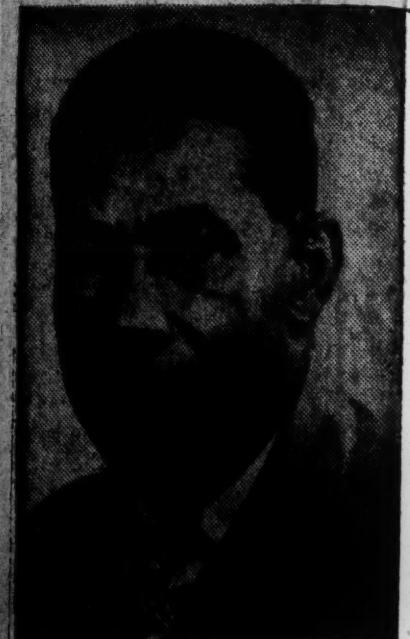
He was president of the Negro Park Board, a trustee of Simmons University five years, and auditor of the K.N.E.A. many years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ozetta Sleet; a son, M. J. Sleet, Jr., New York City; a daughter, Mrs. Emmy Lou Wilson, Detroit; a brother, W. C. Sleet, Danville, and two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Herrigan, Louisville, and Mrs. Margaret Buckner, Hopkinsville.

*Tues 5-6-58*  
The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Fourth Street Baptist Church. The body is at the Griffith Funeral Home.

# Rites Held For Edward H. Adams, Texas Southern Head Basketball Coach

Grambling, La. — Funeral services were held here Friday for Edward H. Adams, 48, Texas Southern University basketball coach, who died after suffering a stroke.



COACH ED ADAMS

Wednesday in Houston, Texas. Burial followed at the Rocky Valley Cemetery.

Coach Adams' death came as a great shock to the sports world, particularly in the Southwestern conference where he developed the Texas Southern university Tigers to national ranking when they became cage champions of the NAIA basketball 32-team tournament of champions.

The scholarly leader possessed a remarkable ability as a coach and handler of young athletes. Several of his cleverly coached basketball players attained the stature of All-Americans and at least three played his instruction to positions on professional teams.

Adams was stricken in his class but insisted on being carried home instead of to a hospital. His condi-

tion became worse, however, and he was rushed to St. Elizabeth's where except for a brief rallying moment in which he recognized and talked to his wife, Gene, he neither spoke nor moved.

Adams was born in Grambling, La., August 17, 1910. He was the son of Charles P. and Martha N. Adams.

He was graduated from the Lincoln Parish high school in Grambling in 1929 and entered Tuskegee institute where during his four years he lettered in football, basketball and track. He completed his graduate work at State university of Iowa, from which he received the M.A. degree and at New York university, where he had completed course and residence requirements for the D.Ed. degree.

Had he lived, Adams, who had been drilling his basketball players at night and coaching football in the afternoon, would have been starting his tenth year as head basketball coach at TSU, where his teams have won international recognition.

Since coming to TSU he compiled a record of 264 wins against only 54 defeats. His Texas Southern teams have won championships every year except one and they finished impressively in second place that year.

Since 1953 Adams' TSU teams have won consecutive conference championships, a 1956 NAIA Tip-Off tourney, were NAIA finalists in 1956, and semi-finalists in 1958.

His 1958 teams established a tourney record for the highest number of points scored in an individual game when they trounced Georgetown university 121-109.

Coach Adams loved the game of basketball and got a great satisfaction out of coaching and his associations with his players who literally lived in his house. He jokingly referred to them as "his de-

pendents." Adams was a strict believer in physical conditioning and somehow his players loved it. His fast breaking teams were colorful to watch in action and his players liked his type of game. He was an avid student of the game, a great handler of his players.

The "Converse Yearbook" lists him as the second winningest coach in the nation with a record of 644 games won, 152 lost out of 796 played, for an unbelievable percentage of .811.

When asked before the 1958 season drills got underway, what factors have contributed to his success as a coach, he replied "I owe my success to an outstanding group of talented, unselfish, hard-working basketball players. It is the players who make the team whatever it is." Anyone who has followed Adams' success as a coach knows he meant every word he said.

It was at North Carolina college that he started and coached the first basketball team ever assembled at the college. After a two-year stint at this growing college, he returned to Tuskegee institute as head basketball and baseball coach and assistant coach. There he coached for 13 years, turning out some of the nation's top teams. During this period he compiled the amazing record of 382 wins and only 99 losses. He won four conference championships in basketball during this period. In baseball, his teams compiled a record of 115 victories against only 13 defeats and won the conference championship four times.

Ed Adams is survived by his wife Gene Woods Adams; two small sons, Edward L. and Kenneth; a daughter, Kennette Adams, 6; two brothers, Henry Adams, Bastrop, La., and Ralph Adams, Portland, Ore.; two sisters, Fidelia Johnson, Grambling, La., and Theresa Garner, Grambling, La., and his father, Charles P. Adams, one of the founders of Grambling college.



JAMES A. HOLTRY

## Insurance Counselor Executive D. P. + Dies in N. O.

NEW ORLEANS — James A. Holtry, president and co-founder of the Good Citizens Life Insurance Co. and Good Citizens Enterprises, died early July 4, following an illness of several months. His death followed by three weeks that of his wife Mrs. Ellen Whittington Holtry.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed at press time.

Mr. Holtry, whose life history resembled an Horatio Alger story, began working as a bootblack about 1916 in New Orleans, his native city. During World War I, he was a special operator for the Federal Government, then he became an agent for the Liberty Industrial Life Insurance Company.

WHEN THIS company ceased operations during the 1932 depression years, he and a lifelong friend, R. L. Johnson, formed the Good Citizens Life Insurance Co., which grew to a million-dollar concern.

He was active in civic, social and business circles.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Carrie Maxine H. Daniels, and a host of other relatives.

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## Dr. Baranco Dies After Brief Illness

*Louisiana*  
BATON ROUGE, LA. - Dr. R. M. Baranco, age 61, director of health services at Southern University since the institution

was founded here in 1914, died not known about her because she Friday evening after a brief illness at the Lady of the Lake Hospital.

*New Orleans* The victim was stabbed in the chest at about 5:30 p.m. Baranco finished the local public schools then entered Baton Rouge College from which he graduated in 1908 at the age of 17 and the same year enrolled in Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and graduated four years later. His

internship was done at Mercy Hospital and he later worked in the eye, ear, nose and throat department of Flint-Goodridge Hospital in New Orleans.

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Dedicated to his work, Dr. Baranco always moved at a fast pace and was on call at any time to render service and bring relief to the suffering.

He was married to the former Miss Blanche Daigre, also of Baton Rouge. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Delores B. Means, and Mrs. Melba B. Matthews; and three sons, Raymond M., Jr., Joseph Samuel and Robert, and seven grandchildren, all of Baton Rouge.

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The funeral was held from

the Gilbert Funeral Home with religious services at 9 a.m. Monday from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Burial

in the National Cemetery.

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# Miss Frances L. Murphy

(An Editorial)

The underweight infant "could have been cradled in a shoe box," wasn't expected to live, but she did.

Frances Louise Murphy was a delicate child.

What with croup, cold, measles and most of the other children's diseases, doctors usually took one look at her in a crisis and concluded, "she'll never live through it." *Afro-American* P. 18

Frail as she is, they said, she doesn't have enough resistance. *Baltimore, Md.*

But Frances Murphy proved them wrong. Her death on Tuesday came a week after her 84th birthday.

She survived her five sisters and two of her five brothers. *dat. 5-10-58*

SHE WAS a constant marvel to doctors as to where, with only 90 pounds on a five-foot frame, she found the energy to:—

Teach in the Baltimore schools from elementary grades to the more mature students in the Coppin Normal School for 39 years;

Teach in summer schools at Maryland State College, Southern University, Morgan College for four years;

Pursue graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia and Howard Universities for thirteen summers.

But she was not content to rest on these laurels.

When she retired in 1934, a restless spirit compelled her to take over the AFRO Clean Block movement and in 11 years she built it into a model program adopted by Baltimore and many other cities to interest children in a clean city.

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FRANCES MURPHY was "Miss Murphy" to school children; "Miss Frances" and "Clean Block Lady" to the clean blockers and "Miss Frank" to intimates.

Asked why she never married, she said she had more important things to do—teach school. There were many bachelor women who shared her view and became the most celebrated teachers in Baltimore.

Among them was the late Miss Fannie Barbour, the first teacher to pass the city examination. Others included Misses Ida Cummings, Emma Bright, Irene Blay and Ann Williamson and the late Louise Parm and Cora Jackson.

When asked why she retired from the schools and then began the big clean block project, Frances Murphy said: "I can not sit still and see a thing which needs to

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be done, and do nothing about it. . . ."

Those who knew her best recall that even as a child she was the one in the family who was general helper and advisor.

Frances Murphy was a woman who believed "I am my brother's keeper."

She has left her mark on this community.

We at the AFRO will miss her wise counsel and help.

"To us veteran employees Miss Murphy was more than the Clean Block Lady. She was a noble woman whose career as an educator, apostle of 'The City Beautiful' and a civic leader has made Baltimore and Maryland better places in which to live."

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### OTHER TRIBUTES include:

"Our college was shocked and greatly saddened by the news of the death of Miss Frances Murphy... friend who shared our problems for many years. I do not need to tell you of the respect and admiration in which she was held by all who worked with her."

PARTLETT L. MOORE,  
President,  
Coppin State Teachers  
College

"We remember her as one who influenced the lives of so many young people and adults. Vitally interested she was in the development of a beautiful city. Her life and activities remain as a memorial to a great person and a great humanitarian."

DR. WILLARD W. ALLEN,  
Grand Master,  
Maryland Masons.

"We mourn the loss of Miss Frances, our 'Clean Block Lady' and friend of people everywhere."

CLARENCE AND  
JUANITA MITCHELL.

Also Bishop H. Z. Plummer, Portsmouth, Va., who said: "The death of Miss Frances Murphy has grieved me more than I can express. I tender my heartfelt sympathy."

Members of the staff of the Philadelphia AFRO wired: "We shall miss the inspirational influence of Miss Frances Murphy."

### Held Last Rites For

Mrs. Thomas H. Kiah

BALTIMORE, Md. — Funeral services were held at Sharp Street Methodist Church here Wednesday for Mrs. Thomas H. Kiah, widow of the late president of Princess Anne College, Princess Anne, Md. (now Maryland State College).

Mrs. Kiah succumbed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cynthia Coley, Montclair, N. J., Saturday, May 31.

## Governor of Md. *Afro American* sends sympathy

*Baltimore, Md.*  
BALTIMORE  
Maryland's Governor Theodore McKeldin sent the following message of sympathy to the members of Miss Frances Murphy's family:

"I was indeed saddened to learn of the death of Miss Frances Murphy. I send my deepest sympathy."

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College also sent a letter of sympathy.

In the letter, Dr. Jenkins recalled Miss Murphy's service to the community.

He said: "Baltimore can ill spare so worthwhile a citizen as was Miss Frances Murphy.

"She belonged to that rare group who spend themselves so actively and generously for the common welfare that we may incline to the error of taking them for granted.

"Not until time removes them from our midst do we really awaken to their great value.

"In her earlier life she achieved eminence as a teacher, a church woman and a friend of young people. Her years of retirement were devoted to carving another career, notably successful, as a civic worker consciously striving to better the community in which she lived."

*dat. 5-10-58*  
J. MILLARD TAWES, Comptroller of the State of Maryland, expressed sympathy in a telegram which read:

"Miss Murphy will be greatly missed by her wide circle

THE STAFF of the New Jersey AFRO-AMERICAN through N. J. Saturday, May 31, Samuel Haynes, editor, wrote:

# Final rites held for Miss Murphy

*At 5 - BALTIMORE*

Marked with quiet simplicity, funeral services for Miss Frances Louise Murphy, daughter of the AFRO founder, were held Saturday at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. The 45-minute services were led by the Rev. Reginald Daniels, pastor of the church where Miss Murphy, a veteran teacher, had been a lifelong member.

The Rev. Mr. Daniels was assisted by the Revs. Robert Newbold of Grace Presbyterian Church; A. J. Payne of Union Baptist Church, and Marion Bascom, of Douglas Memorial Community Church.

Miss Murphy who celebrated her 84th birthday just eight days before her death on April 29, had been ill for several months. She died in her sleep.

MORE THAN 250 persons including 51 members of her family and employees of the 66-year-old newspaper firm attended services in drizzling rain.

Also present were many distinguished citizens including representatives of the governor of Maryland and the mayor of Baltimore.

Dressed in pale blue chiffon and lace, Miss Murphy was reposed in a mahogany and bronze casket placed on the altar which was banked with more than 60 floral designs.

Burial was in the family plot at Mt. Auburn Cemetery where the coffin was sealed in a steel and cement vault.

Pallbearers were her nephews, John J. Oliver, James and Howard Murphy, and two nephews-in-law, Walter Dyson and George Lottier.

Honorary pallbearers included Gov. Theodore McKeldin, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., Dr. John Fischer and Dr. Houston Jackson, school superintendents.

MISS FRANCES, as she was fondly known to many of her acquaintances, was one of ten children of the AFRO founder

John H. Murphy Sr., and his wife, Martha E. Murphy.

She was the last survivor of the five Murphy daughters and the sister of Dr. Carl J. Murphy now president of the AFRO firm.

Also her brothers are D. Arnett Murphy, AFRO vice president, with whom she made her home, and John H. Murphy Jr., assistant to the AFRO president. George B. Murphy Sr., her oldest brother died in 1955. A fifth brother, Daniel H. Murphy, died in 1922.

MISS MURPHY received nation-wide acclaim for the Baltimore Clean Block Campaign which she organized in 1935 as a community project for the AFRO Newspapers.

The city-wide clean up program soon became an annual summer event in which entire neighborhoods and thousands of girls and boys took part.

The idea spread to other cities in the country and was copied abroad.

BECAUSE OF Miss Murphy's efforts, city agencies, merchants, and organizations contributed hundreds of dollars to beautify yards, homes and streets, and to award prizes to the workers, most of whom were children.

The city of Baltimore each year contributed to the drive.

Miss Murphy became known as the Clean Block Lady, since it was she who visited each home and knew the children, every one by name.

In 1944, Gov. Theodore McKeldin, then Mayor of Baltimore, cited Miss Murphy in recognition of her Clean Block Campaign work.

In lauding her efforts, he noted the task she and her workers had accomplished in placing new steps, fixing hanging shutters and bad roofs, painting exteriors and other work which resulted in a more beautiful city.

At that time she received the City of Baltimore's certificate and award of merit.

PRIOR TO THE 1944 citation Mayor Howard Jackson presented Miss Murphy a gold medal purchased with pennies contributed by Clean Block

workers throughout the city.

Bankers came from New Jersey to inquire how the clean block program operated, while cities of Wheeling, Detroit, Philadelphia, Washington, Pittsburgh and Raleigh patterned Miss Frances' plan.

Subsequently she appeared on the radio and public platforms throughout the country in interest of cleaner cities.

On May 24, 1946, Gamma Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa No. 107, Biddle St. near Argyle Ave.

MARYLAND graduated from the Old colored High School in 1894.

Her first appointment came the following year at an elementary school where she received a monthly salary of \$39.

In 1905 she was made a "model" teacher at the Joseph Lockerman School No. 100 and that same year became a practice teacher and then teacher.

On May 24, 1946, Gamma in-charge of Elementary School Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa No. 107, Biddle St. near Argyle Ave.

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IN 1909 she returned to School 100 as a class practice teacher. In 1914 she became a well known as a public school teacher of 39 years service.

She voluntarily retired in 1934 with citations for her contributions to education.

For 25 years she was a teacher at Coppin State Teachers College which was then called Coppin Normal.

In 1908 she introduced for the first time in the City of Baltimore a definite plan for developing retarded children by

the use of hand work below the sixth grade.

Wholeheartedly devoted to the teaching of children Miss Murphy also made another, innovation to the city school program.

She was supervisor of training cadet teachers at Coppin Normal, when she introduced the use of mental tests as a guide to assignment of "the right pupil to the right teacher."

As the oldest living charter member in 1945 Miss Murphy participated in the dedication of the new Y.W. building on Madison Ave.

During World War I Miss Murphy headed a Red Cross Division which raised funds and turned in hundreds of knitted garments for soldiers.

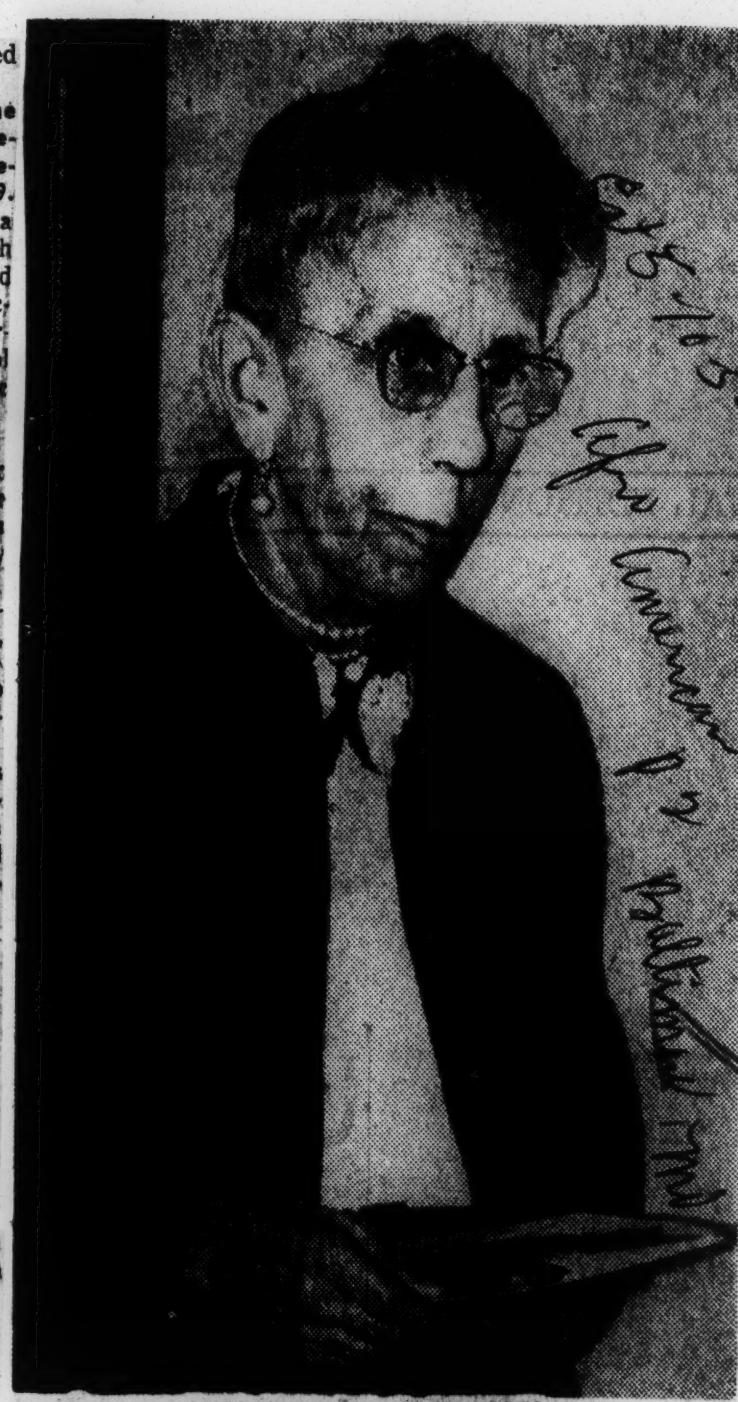
On March 29, 1944 she christened the Liberty ship, the John Murphy, named for her father.

It came at a time when she was a first grade teacher and noticed many boys and girls appeared to be undernourished.

In 1953 at 79 she became the first chairman of the first deaconess board organized in Madison Street Presbyterian Church.

Ardent at attending Sunday morning services, Miss Frances was a familiar figure as she sat in her pew on the right hand side of the altar midway the church.

For many years she and her brother George B. Sr., occupied



MISS FRANCES L. MURPHY

AFRO's 'Clean Block Lady' dead at 84

On March 29, 1944 she christened the Liberty ship, the John Murphy, named for her father. Miss Murphy was confined to bed shortly after Christmas and underwent an operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital in January.

She is survived by her brothers, Carl, John and Arnett. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews and great-grandnieces and great-grand-nephews.

Despite failing health, the veteran church worker continued to telephone members who were ill and to remember their birthdays with greeting cards.

# Words of wisdom from Miss Frances L. Murphy

BALTIMORE

As early as 1908, Miss Frances Murphy's words were known to hold great wisdom.

That was the year she told city school officials: "If a child has difficulty reading a book, let him build, plant a garden, sew or engage in some sort of activity using his hands, then build lessons around what he has done."

As a result of Miss Murphy's statement the city of Baltimore established manual classes in schools for backward children.

IN 1934 she closed a teaching career of 39 years in the classroom and her ideas about teachers were definite.

She said: "Since people look to teachers and ministers for inspiration and guidance members of both professions must be morally and intellectually qualified."

"SALARIES, BUILDINGS and working conditions have vastly improved but qualifications for the successful teacher have remained the same."

"THE GOOD TEACHER possesses an inquiring mind and should keep himself mentally alert through reading, travel, membership in professional organizations and association with people in all walks of life."

ABOUT WOMEN personifying all that is feminine and typical of an industrious woman, Miss Frances also defended her sex with this statement:

"A woman can accomplish anything she wishes if she proceeds with persistence and good humor as well as wisdom."

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FOR GOOD CITIZENS in a radio address publicizing the Clean Block Campaign she said:

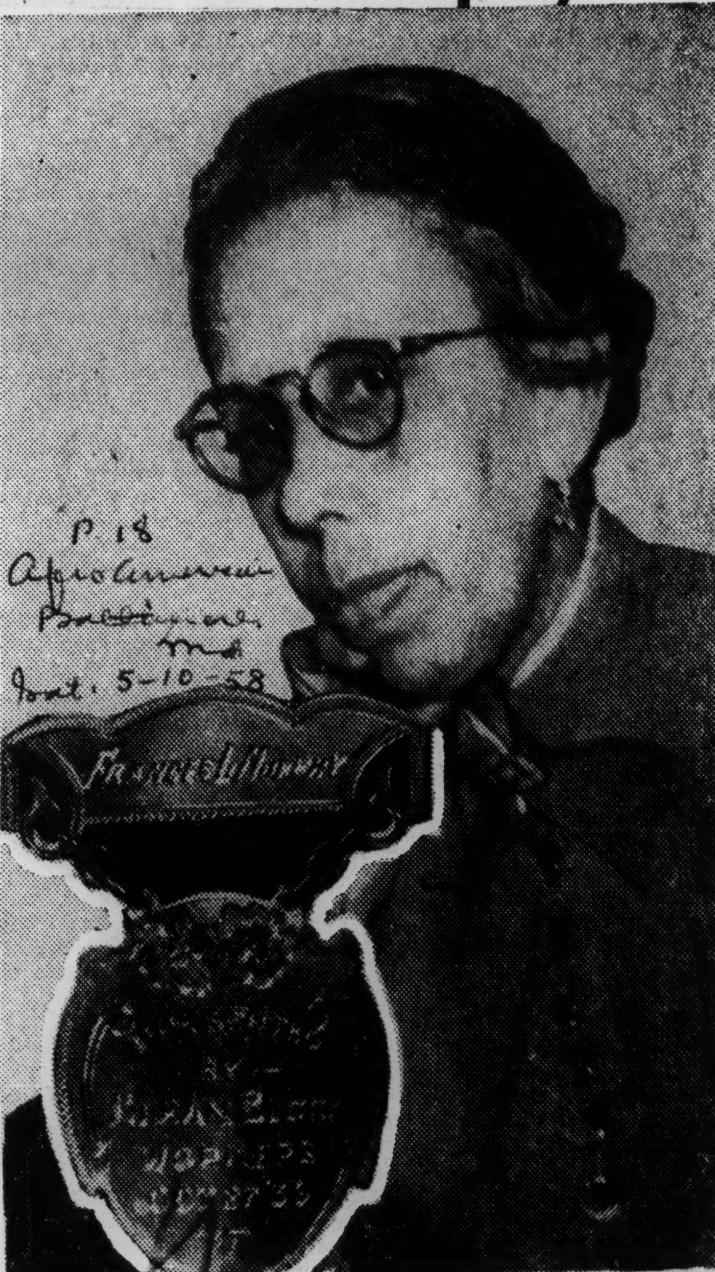
"All of us are builders of a better city."

Her homey, down-to-earth instructions to Clean Block workers have become mottoes for good citizens.

"We must learn to wrap garbage properly, put it out on time and take in the cans as soon as possible."

"We must not hesitate to call on police, health and sanitation and street cleaning departments if we need their services."

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NOV., 1939—At 65, golden years and a gold medal from Clean Block workers.

"THE MOST beautiful places in our city are clean blocks."

"Children and parents working together have used their own best judgement in making their blocks as clean as possible."

"A clean blocker is one of the very best neighbors a person can have."

"We must realize that the general appearance of property is a reflection on those who occupy it as well as owners."

"Landlords should realize that tenants are the real taxpayers and have a right to a reasonable amount of help in keeping things in proper condition."

ALTHOUGH intensely proud people who are starting the of her race, Miss Murphy believe have come from the home have come from the brotherhood of all same social group, the same religious group and have all mankind.

At the 1940 closing of the Philadelphia Clean Block Campaign, she gave the principal address:

She said: "The word 'color' must disappear as a measure of what any man is to receive."

"There must be for each of us the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

"The right to work, play, love and worship is the right of each man."

"You may travel fast but you will not travel far if you travel alone."

"To save your life you must use it."

"You must lift as you climb."

"No group in any part of the country must be left to make the journey alone."

AS A MEMBER OF THE founding family of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper chain, Miss Murphy always held high the principles for which the newspaper stands.

As she addressed more than 2,500 children at a Clean Block Campaign meeting in 1940, she said: "The AFRO will never subscribe to Jim Crow policies."

"As American citizens we contend for the rights given every other American citizen."

"Like other Americans we do not believe in taxation without representation."

"Black Americans fought side by side with white Americans. We should never give up our freedom and the American way of life."

"The AFRO - AMERICAN believes that color has nothing to do with human culture and human dignity. Each of us without regard to color, race or creed should be respected as an individual and be permitted to reach the limit of our ability."

ON FAMILY LIFE Miss Murphy also had certain definite ideas. She was the fourth in a family of ten children, was reared in the stability of old-fashioned farm life in Montgomery County, Md.

AT THE FIRST day celebration of the Madison Avenue Branch of the YWCA in 1946 Miss Murphy was the founder. She said: "The mother who teaches her child to say their prayers, say the blessing at the table, gets them to church, Sunday School, day school and later to the little jobs they may find to do, gives them a knowledge of the theories of the church. She and her husband have agreed upon, and then steers them toward an active participation in community life, has a real job on her hands."

She said: "Our goal has been to furnish a clean Christian home for as many as possible, to provide wholesome recreation for them and to help them not only to help themselves but also to make some contribution towards the betterment of others."

"Family life always gets off to a good start if two young

Lida Brown, 70

Ex-College  
Dean, Dies

PRINCESS ANNE, Md. — Miss Lida L. Brown, a former Dean of Women at Maryland State College, for 46 years, died at the home of her niece, in Bridgeton, N. J., at the age of 70.

Miss Brown, a graduate of Morgan State College, had been a teacher of Latin and English, assistant to the Dean of Women, dear of women, and at the time of her was housemother of Murphy Hall, a girl's dormitory.

Serving under three chief administrators of the Shore school, Miss Brown, in recognition of her distinguished career, was the recipient of many gifts and awards at a testimonial banquet honoring her prior to her departure from the school.

Guests attending and messages read represented the thoughtful appreciation of a significant cross section of educators and friends in the midwest and along the eastern seaboard.

Her death signals the close of an era in the development of education on the eastern shore.

"Lida," as she was affectionately called by her intimates, personified "Walls of Ivy" across the Chesapeake Bay.

# Mrs. Carter, 82, AFRO reader 55 years, dies

BALTIMORE, Md. — Mrs. Hattie Ball Carter, 2035 N. Howard St., died Tuesday at her home. She celebrated her 82nd birthday November 22, 1957.

*Star 3-1-57*  
regular subscriber to the AFRO for 55 years, Mrs. Carter took delight in recalling that when she started reading the AFRO, "it was the size of a handkerchief and sold for three cents."

In an interview with AFRO reporter Herb Mangrum three years ago, she pointed to a stack of AFROs turned brown with age and told how she often re-reads them.

## OF THE CURRENT AFRO, she said:

"I read every item including the ads and I am especially fond of the column 'If You Ask Me' written by Mrs. B. M. Phillips.

"I remember when my family first started taking the AFRO. The paper had just started out and some folks predicted that it wouldn't last.

**EVEN THOUGH** she had been ailing, Mrs. Carter read both editions of the February 8 AFRO while sitting in her wheel chair. Death was due to complications of old age.

A native of Warrenton, Va., Mrs. Carter was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Ball. She had resided here since the turn of the century. In 1903, she was married to George P. Carter, an apartment house engineer. He died in 1937.

"My uncle couldn't read, but he always bought it and someone would have to read it to him. He always wanted to know what our folks were doing.

"I have seen the AFRO grow and it has grown because, I think its founder, John Murphy, was a level headed man. His memory will last forever."

Mrs. Carter was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church for over 25 years, holding membership in the Gospel Chorus, Missionary Society, Edward Jordan Circle and a member of the American Woodmen.

# Martin Erwin, pioneer, Afro-American, 1878, buried in Cumberland

*Star 3-1-57*  
Survivors include, two sons, Raymond Carter, N.Y., and two daughters, Mrs. Audrey Hutchins and Mrs. Nannie Monroe, both of Baltimore. Another son, George Carter, died ten years ago.

**ALSO SURVIVING** are a brother, J. E. Ball, Montclair, N.J., and four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**Funeral services will be held** on Saturday at 1 p.m., at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 23rd St. near Guilford Ave., with the pastor, the Rev. J. Logan Kearse, officiating.

The body will be taken to Warrenton, Va., for further funeral services on Sunday at 2 p.m., and burial will be there.

**CUMBERLAND, Md.** — Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 25 for Martin L. Erwin Sr., who was found dead in bed at his home, 820 N. Mechanic St., Friday, March 21. Licensed to preach in Reading, Pa. in 1912, he served as a local preacher and Sunday School superintendent, and held other offices in Metropolitan AME Church until the mid '30's and intermittently since that year.

The city paid him a tribute by providing a police escort for the funeral.

Born in Cartersville, Ga., April 25, 1876, he was 81 years old at the time of his death.

On Sept. 5, 1912, while employed as an insurance agent by the Keystone Aid Society in Reading, Pa., Mr. Erwin married the former Annie Estelle Gills, a native of Washington, D.C.

They ~~moved~~ to Cumberland in 1914.

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**HE IMMEDIATELY** became active in the church, civic, and political life of Cumberland.

In 1917 he was secretary of the "School Improvement Association" of which the late Miss Ethel M. Burgee was president. ~~Baltimore~~ and Harry W. Snowden, vice president.

The purpose of this organization was to have the School Board build a new colored high school in Cumberland to replace the ~~tempor~~ high school quarters located in the basement of Metropolitan AME Church.

**FREDERICK ST. HIGH** School, now renamed Carver High, was a result of this forward action.

Mr. Erwin was one of the first presidents of the Parent Teachers Association of this school.

He was president also of the Progressive Voters Association and founder of the Union League of Alleghany County, a 'political action' organization designed to protect and further the interests of the colored population of the area.

**IN THE** early 30's, this organization was dissolved and merged with the local NAACP Branch of which he was the first president.

He was past exalted ruler and chairman of the trustee board of Fort Cumberland Elks Lodge No. 176 and Chancellor Commander of Sherman Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

**THERE WAS** hardly any religious, political, fraternal or civic organization in Cumberland in which Mr. Erwin did not take an active part.

Until 1935 he was employed by the N and G Taylor Tin Plate Co. and the Cumberland Savings Bank.

Since that date he worked as a waiter at several of the clubs in the area.

Survivors are:

**HIS WIDOW** who has moved to Cleveland, Ohio and six children:

Mrs. Annie Mae Meeks, Washington, D.C.; Martin L. Jr., N.J. AFRO-AMERICAN advertising manager, Newark, N.J.; R. Wellington, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Vera Rosenburgh, Baltimore, Md.

Also Miss Evelyn Erwin, New York City; John T., Newark, N.J.; 18 grand-children and one great-grandchild.

# Over 800 African pass bier of teacher

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ior High. He is one of Mrs. she attended the Philippa Wharton's former pupils.

Accompanying him at the organ was another former pupil, Dr. J. Walter Fisher, now a Morgan professor.

T. Washington High School.

Burial was in the family plot at Arbutus Memorial Park, where her son, Dr. Heber E. Wharton Jr., Erie, Pa., physician, is buried.

An accomplished pianist and singer herself, Mrs. Wharton once said that her greatest enjoyment was in seeing her students learn to appreciate good music and excell in their performances.

At Dunbar High where she was music teacher from 1914 to 1939, the school glee club and choral groups gained a reputation for excellency.

An estimated 820 persons passed the bier of Mrs. Pauline Brown Wharton, longtime Baltimorite music teacher before she died. Mrs. Mildred Williams is the director.

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Mrs. Wharton, 82, died un- BORN IN BALTIMORE, Mrs. expectedly Sunday morning at her home, 2019 Division St. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry

had been ill just two days. J. Brown.

Death was due to pneumonia. She showed aptitude early in

Several of her former pupils, life, and was graduated valedictorian from the Old Colored

were among those who made up High School in 1893.

the steady stream of visitors to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Houston Jackson, 565 Presstman St., where the body was on view beginning Monday. *19*

She won the first alumni medal for scholarship and a rare copy of Shakespeare because of her ability to recite and interpret the famous bard's works.

Later, she attended Morgan State College, Hampton Institute and Columbia University. IN ADDITION to teaching at Dunbar, Mrs. Wharton found time to give private music instruction, take an active part in numerous civic groups and rear a family of three successful daughters and one son.

There was standing room only for the requiem choral mass The AFRO honor roll of 1951 at St. Katherine P.E. Church cited her for her "accomplishments as a teacher and her influence for good on countless

Father William F. Christian, vicar of the church, officiated, younger Baltimoreans, including He was assisted by Father Guying her own four children."

E. Kagey, former vicar; and Besides St. Katherine's Father Cedric E. Mills, rector Church, where she was a member of St. James P.E. Church.

member of the Women's Guild, she was active in the Baltimore

THE CHOIR led in the singing Urban League, NAACP, YWCA, of Mrs. Wharton's favorite Retired Teachers' Association, hymns. They were, In The Women's Auxiliaries of Province Hour of Trial, Come Ye Dis-dent Hospital and Morgan consulate, The Strife Is O'er and State College.

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee. She was a former member of the Maryland State Teachers' Association.

The family has been active in St. Katherine's for over 40 years, the family's Division St. home being located in the same block with the church.

IN THE past 50 years, Mrs. Wharton rarely missed an important musical event in the Baltimore area.

Clarence Henderson, now a teacher at the Cherry Hill Jun-

just five days before her death,

# Carrington L. Davis, Veteran Educator, Dies

## Was friend of FDR, Harvard classmate

**BALTIMORE** Simplicity and dignity marked the 40 minute funeral services held Wednesday at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church for Carrington Lewis Davis, 1821 McCullough St., veteran educator and trustee emeritus of Morgan State College who died on Monday.

Dr. Davis who celebrated his 79th birthday on August 21 suffered a stroke the first week in September. Although slow progress toward recovery was evidenced, he died suddenly on Monday.

His wife Mrs. Erma Davis, was at his bedside at 8 a.m. when the educator suffered a second stroke and lapsed into unconsciousness.

**MORE THAN** 250 persons attended the services for the education pioneer who was widely known as a Latin and Greek scholar, member of the Morgan board for 30 years and Harvard University 1904 classmate of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Among those present were representatives of Morgan College, the city board of education, Douglass and Dunbar High Schools, the YMCA, American Teachers Association and the Madison Avenue Church who served as honorary pallbearers.

Also among pallbearers were members of the Sigma Pi Phi national fraternity of which Dr. Davis was a founder. Members of the Gamma chapter served as active pallbearers.

For burial Dr. Davis was dressed in a dark blue business suit. The gray casket lined with fluted white satin reposed on the altar of the church where Dr. Davis had been a member

for 47 years and served as elder and trustee.

**FINAL RITES** came at the close of the services when commitment to the ground was made by the Revs. Messrs. Daniels and Carroll.

Burial is scheduled for Friday in the Mount Muncie Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas, Mrs. Davis's hometown.

**DR. DAVIS, A NATIVE** of Maryland, was born in the Green Spring Valley area near Garrison, Md., in 1879, the oldest son of Jarrett Weaver Davis, a farmer, and Mary Alice Davis.

He attended the public schools in the Valley and came to Baltimore to attend the Morgan Preparatory School in 1898.

Following graduation he attended the college department and was awarded an AB degree in 1901. The following year he served as instructor of Latin at the Morgan College and taught mathematics as well.

In 1902 Dr. Davis was given leave of absence to enter Harvard University and two years later, 1904, he earned an AB degree and was graduated with honors.

During his stay at Harvard Dr. Davis developed a lasting friendship with Franklin Roosevelt and in 1934 was among the classmates who attended the class's 30th anniversary reunion at the White House.

After the Harvard graduation, Dr. Davis returned to Morgan to teach Latin and Greek and remained on the faculty until 1907 when he was appointed to teach Latin and German at what was then old Douglass High School.

Three years later he was made head of the foreign language department and in 1917 when the German language was

banned from schools, he taught by the mayor of Baltimore as Latin and French.

**DR. DAVIS** served as the Douglass vice-principal and in 1933 was made principal of Dunbar High School, the position he held until his retirement from the school system in 1949.

Dr. Davis was made an elder and trustee of the Madison Avenue Church in 1911.

He also served for many years as member, and chairman of the Druid Hill Avenue Branch of the YMCA and Board of Directors of the YWCA.

He was also a member of the Secondary Schoolmen's Club and the Schoolmasters Club.

**DR. DAVIS WAS** one of the founders of the Sigma Pi Phi fraternity which began in Baltimore in 1908. The sole living founder is Dr. D. O. W. Holmes who is president emeritus of Morgan State College.

Now a nation-wide fraternity, the group is composed of men who are known to have made outstanding contribution to humanity. Dr. Davis was present this year when the fraternity marked its 50th anniversary.

**DR. DAVIS WAS MARRIED** to the former Miss Erma Bruce on September 8, 1915.

She is the daughter of the late Blanch Kelso Bruce, noted educator and the only member of his race who tutored young men for commissions in the U.S. Naval Academy and West Point who was called "the maker of admirals and generals."

Brief services will be held prior to burial in the Leavenworth cemetery where other deceased members of the Bruce family are buried.

Pallbearers included Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Morgan president; Dr. Lucius Butler, Dr. Houston Jackson, Dr. William L. Berry, Dr. John Berry, Dallas Nichols, members of the Gamma Boule, Sigma Pi Phi.

Honorary pallbearers included Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, Dr. Albert Smith, Dr. Fred Adams, Dr. Maurice Adams, Dr. Frank DeCosta, Dr. Benjamin Quarles, Gregory Hawkins, P. G. D. Pennington, Dr. Frank Sykes, Dr. George Grant, Dr. Edward

and the Maryland State Teachers Association of which he was president five years made him a life member in 1947.

Wilson, Dr. George McDonald, Dr. Ivan B. Higgins, Dr. Albert O. Reid, Dr. Benjamin Brown, Hiram Butler, Dr. Saul Perdue;

Dr. Carl Murphy, D. Arnett and John Murphy, Judge E. Everett Lane, A. B. Callis, John Henderson, Truly Hatchett, Charles Law, the Rev. Robert Newbold, Josiah Henry, Richard Emory, James Carter, Manual Hendler;

Dr. Eugene Byrd, William Hays, Luther Mitchell, Morrison Davage, Robert Diggs Nathaniel Peck, Robert Ford, Samuel Stewart, Alonzo Lancaster, Alonzo Kelly, Harold Seaborn, the Rev. Howard Cornish.

**SURVIVORS INCLUDE** Mrs. Davis, two sisters, Mrs. Jenny Stewart and Mrs. Alice Smith and a brother, Spurgeon Davis all of Green Spring Valley.

Also surviving are Mrs. Blanche Stewart Jones, a niece, and Miss Harriett Jones, a great-niece, Washington; a nephew Jerome Addison, and a grand nephew, Milton Mitchell, New York.

Others from out of town were Mrs. Hilda Evans and Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Lewis and two children, of Washington.



**MOURNERS ACCOMPANY WIDOW** of Dr. Carrington L. Davis as she enters Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church Wednesday for funeral services. Mrs. Erma B. Davis, his wife, is shown right. Beside her

is Dr. Clarence Lewis, Washington. Also shown are Mrs. Clarence Lewis and their two children; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee, Baltimore; and Mrs. Hilda Evans, Washington.

DR. G. LAKE IMES

PASSED SEPTEMBER 1957.

Funeral services for Dr. G. Lake Imes, 74 Year Old former teacher, lecturer and administrator at Tuskegee(Ala) Institute were held Thursday morning at McGuire Funeral Home at 1820 Ninth Street, N.W. in Washington.

Following the services, the body was shipped to Tuskegee for burial where Dr. Imes had served for more than a quarter of a century. Dr. Saul Purdue, principal of Carver Vocational High in Baltimore, accompanied the body.

Mrs. Grace McCard Imes the educator's wife preceded him in death this past January while he was confined to a Michigan hospital and unable to return to their Baltimore home for the funeral

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# Anson Phelps Stokes

*New York Tribune*  
Dies in Lenox at 84

*New York N.Y.*  
Ex-Canon, Ex-Secretary of Yale;  
Son Will Conduct the Funeral

*Special to the Herald Tribune*  
LENOX, Mass., Aug. 14.—The Rev. Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, eighty-four, former Canon of Washington Cathedral in the nation's capitol and secretary of Yale University from 1899 to 1921, died last night at his farm home here.

**Capital Civic Work**  
At his bedside was his son, Dr. Stokes, became Canon of the Right Rev. Anson Phelps Washington Cathedral from 1924 to 1939. In Washington Bishop of Massachusetts, who he organized the Committee on Religious Life in the nation's Conference of Anglican Bishops. He headed the Washington Committee on Housing, Bishop Stokes will officiate at the Department of Social Welfare of the Episcopal Diocese his father's funeral at 1 p. m. tomorrow in Trinity Church of Washington and the Washington Family Service Association.

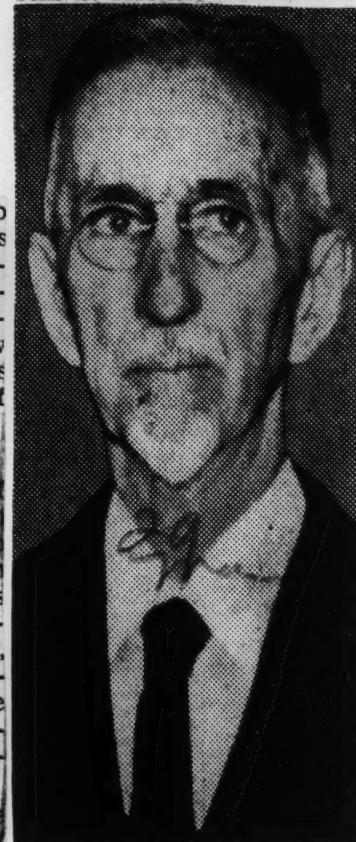
**"Church and State" Study**  
Dr. Stokes was the author of a monumental study, "Church and State in the United States," published in 1950 by Harper and Brothers and hailed by the historian Henry Steele Commager in a review in the New York Herald Tribune as "an instrument, vital and effective, for the future."

In 1956, Princeton conferred an honorary Doctor of Divinity upon Dr. Stokes, describing him in the citation as the "foremost writer in America" on the intricate relationships among education, the church and the state.

**Other Posts**  
At various times he was a member of the board of trustees or directors of Wellesley College, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Institute of International Education, the American Council on Education and other educational institutions. He was a founder of Yale-in-China, the National Committee for Mental Hygiene and was a former trustee of Brookings Institution. Dr. Stokes was a chevalier of the French Legion of Honor and holder of honorary doctorate degrees from Yale and Berkeley Divinity School.

**Named to Yale Post**  
He was a member of the class of 1896 at Yale. Three years later, as he entered the last year of studies at the Episcopal Theological Seminary, he was appointed secretary of Yale by the late Dr. Arthur Twining Hadley, president. He was only twenty-five.

**MASSACHUSETTS**  
Stokes, and two sisters, Mrs. Robert Hunter and Mrs. Ramsom S. Hooker.



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Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes

## Anson Stokes, *New York N.Y.* Famed Cleric, *New York N.Y.* Writer Dies

*Special to World Telegram and Sun.*

Aug. 14—8 In Boston, Mass.

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass., Aug. 14.—The Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, 84, a multimillionaire who served as canon of the National Episcopal Cathedral in Washington from 1924 to 1939, died last night at the home here after a long illness.

Regarded as one of the foremost clergymen of his time, Dr. Stokes wrote numerous books on religious subjects, including a three-volume definitive study titled "Church and State in the United States."

**Summed Up Beliefs.**  
Dr. Stokes summed up many of his beliefs in 1947, when he spoke at services commemorating the laying of the foundation of the Washington Cathedral. He said:

"When problems face the world, such as those of interracial justice and cooperation, international understanding and good will, industrial peace and fairness, temperance, the marriage ties and decent housing conditions for low-income groups, we simply must be heard as a Christian church."

### Fortune No Bar.

Descended from an old and wealthy New York City family, Dr. Stokes surprised many persons in the city's fashionable circles in 1900 by becoming a clergyman. He then possessed a fortune of \$10 million in his own right and was to inherit considerably more.

Dr. Stokes, who was born on Staten Island, was educated at Yale. He served in St. Paul's Church in New Haven from 1900 to 1918. He had lived here since his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, the former Carol G. Mitchell; two sons, the Rt. Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes Jr., bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, and Isaac Newton Phelps Stokes, a New York lawyer; a daughter, Mrs. John Davis Hatch Jr., of Norfolk Va., and two brothers and two sisters.

**Harriet C. Hall  
Dies Suddenly**

Aug. 14—8 In Boston, Mass.

a member of the NCNW, the Massachusetts Civic League and auxiliary to the Norfolk District Medical Society.

## Dr. 'Shag' Taylor Killed In Boston Auto Accident

BOSTON, Mass.—One of Boston's most beloved citizens met with a stalking horror of the highway early Thursday morning when Dr. Silas F. Taylor, a familiar and beloved political and civic leader, was fatally injured by a car while walking toward the Lincoln Pharmacy in the South End of Boston which he owned and operated for nearly half a century.

"Shag," as he was known to Presidents and to the kids of the neighborhood, was born in Danville, Va., the son of the late Silas and Maria Taylor. He received his early education in the Danville public schools and later graduated from the well-known Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, class of 1909. He received his further education at the University school of Medicine and at the Boston College of Physicians and Surgeons.

For more than 40 years, Dr. Taylor had resided in Boston where he endeared himself to the public including a host of notables too long to list. He was a member of many fraternal organizations including the Masons, Shriners, the Elks and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Politically, Dr. Taylor had four times been elected to the Massachusetts Electoral College, a singular distinction. He served on the State Democratic Committee, was formerly a Democratic City Committee Chairman, a former member of the Massachusetts Board of Parole, and was perennial in his record of having attended all National and State Democratic Conventions.

BOSTON, Mass.—Mrs. Harriet Curtis Hall, 76, outstanding club woman and founder of the Women's Republican Club of Boston and president of the Women's Service Club, Inc., for more than 25 years, died Aug. 10. She was most rushed to the hospital, where she died the same day.

Born in Raleigh, N. C., she was the wife of Dr. John B. Hall Sr., and mother of Dr. John B. Hall Jr. of Chicago. Her sister is Mrs. U. Grant Daily of Chicago and Mrs. John B. Hall Jr. She leaves two grandchildren. She was chairman of the Outdoor Advertising Authority; was

# Injuries Prove Fatal To Dr. Silas F. Taylor

BOSTON, Mass.—Dr. Silas F. (Shag) Taylor of 1895 Beacon St., Brookline, an integral part of Boston life for about half a century, was killed while walking towards his Lincoln Pharmacy in Boston, by a vehicle.

Not only Bostonians, but people throughout the nation, are mourning their loss of the beloved political and civic leader.

Born in Danville, Va., the son of the late Silas and Maria Taylor, Dr. Taylor came to Boston for professional training at the Boston College of Physicians and Surgeons and remained to open the famous Lincoln Drug Store.

Residing in Boston, Dr. Taylor, known as "Shag," became endeared to those in high positions as well as children in the neighborhood.

He has aided and encouraged some of the nation's outstanding men when they were Boston area students.

TO SHOW respect, Bostonians about two years ago, gave a huge testimonial at the Sheraton Park Plaza in his honor.

In politics, Dr. Taylor was elected four times to the Massachusetts Electoral College; served on the State Democratic Committee, was formerly Democratic city committee chairman, was perennial in attendance at National and State Democratic Conventions, and was former member of the Massachusetts Board of Parole.

Among the survivors are, two sisters, Mrs. J. T. Page of Danville, Va.; Mrs. Frank W. Jacobs of Bridgeport, Conn., and two brothers, David Taylor of Danville, and Balcolm S. Taylor of Boston.

GREENVILLE, Miss., Jan. 2  
 (P)—The Rev. H. H. Hume, 55-year-old president of the Mississippi Negro Baptist Assn., and an outspoken exponent of moderation in race relations, died after being stricken in his automobile Wednesday night.

Hume died in a doctor's office shortly before midnight, apparently after a heart attack.

Hume, who was president of the Negro Baptist group for the last 14 years, also was editor of the Delta Leader, a weekly Negro newspaper published in Greenville.

He was pastor of the New Hope Baptist church in Greenville 24 years and held office in the National Baptist Convention USA, the national Negro group.

A native of Fayette, Hume was reared in Greenville and educated at Negro colleges in Jackson and Natchez.

Last July, the Ministers Improvement Assn. of Mississippi criticized Hume for having served the state sovereignty commission, Mississippi's state agency to preserve segregation.

Hume had been paid \$400 for investigations and travel.



TIMOTHY TARVIN, a well-known church singer and the "laundry man" of hundreds of Mississippi College boys in years past, died recently at his home in Clinton. Born in Newton county in 1869, he moved six years later to Clinton and that was his home ever after, the street on which he lived having been renamed for him recently. "Papa Tim," as he was known to generations of children, was a member of the Pleasant Green church, was a deacon, Sunday school teacher and member of the Baptist convention board. He was formerly a trustee of Sumner High school and was a member of Lynch Lodge No 2. Surviving are five children, 9 grand children, 19 great grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren.

## MISSISSIPPI

**H. H. HUME, 55, Dr. Hume's Wife Dies in Greenville Gives Birth To Baby Boy During Funeral**

*P 30 Appeal*  
Negro Segregationist Was

*Attacked By Own Race*

*Gre. 1/1/58*

GREENVILLE, Miss., Jan. 2. (UP)—Rev. H. H. Hume, Greenville, Miss., Jan. 7—The controversial Negro religious wife of Rev. H. H. Hume, President leader and editor, died Wednesday night of a heart attack. He was 55. *Memphis Dem.*  
Rev. Hume was attacked by members of his own race for favoring segregation. He contended Negroes could make more progress through voluntary segregation than through forced integration.

He was editor of the weekly Delta Leader and president of the Mississippi General Baptist Convention, the largest Negro religious group in the state.

Rev. Hume claimed a share of credit for the progress of Negroes in Greenville, which has good Negro schools and a large number of Negro voters.

He drew fire from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People a few months ago when it was revealed he cooperated with the State Sovereignty Commission, the state's official agency for maintaining segregation, in publishing a "parallel progress" edition of newspaper.

**Negro Integration Past Several Opponent Dies**

GREENVILLE, Jan. 2 (UPI)—The Rev. H. H. Humes, controversial Negro religious leader and editor, died last night of heart attack. He was 55. *1/3/58*

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He was editor of the weekly Delta Leader and president of the Mississippi General Baptist Convention, the largest Negro religious group in the state.

**REV. H. H. HUMES**

Greenville, Miss., Jan. 7.—A crowd estimated at more than 5,000 attended the funeral services here today of Rev. H. H. Hume, President of the General Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, and long-time editor and publisher of the Delta Leader, one of the

leading Negro weekly newspapers.

As the body lay in view Monday night, at New Hope Baptist Church which he pastored here, more than 1,500 persons signed the visitors register, as the silent line passed the bronze steel casket to see for the last time the lifeless form of a man whose unselfish dedication to his task brought him the fullest measure of the sweets and bitters of life. The casket was opened for reviewing the remains at 5:30 Monday evening, with representatives of the local Elks Lodge and Temple kept vigil, and the long lines continued to flow through the church until well past the midnight hour, and others were still coming when the undertaker closed the casket for the night.

Rev. Hume died Wednesday, January 1, of a heart attack.

Originally planned for New Hope Baptist Church, in anticipation of an overflow crowd, the funeral was changed to the auditorium of Coleman High School starting at 11 o'clock in the morning. By 10 o'clock the auditorium, including all available standing room around the walls and in the aisles was jam-packed. With others still coming arrangements were made to place a loud speaker in the gym which adjoins the auditorium. All available seats in the gym were soon filled leaving the corridors and halls jam-packed as the funeral services began.

Following the processional the service began with brief remarks by Rev. P. E. Lott, of Jackson, 2nd Vice President of the Convention, who was master of ceremonies, followed by the Scripture reading by Rev. F. B. Black, of Jackson, and the invocation by Rev. B. R. Rushing, of Carthage.

The first speaker on the program was Mr. W. L. Beard, Superintendent of Education at Arcola, who gave a stirring resume of his long relationship with Rev. Hume and of how they had worked together through the years, and had only recently after praying together renewed their pledge to continue to work for the goodwill and God's help in solving the problems of race relations in the state.

Dr. W. P. Davis, Secretary of Negro Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who brought the respect and sympathy of Dr. Chester Quarles, Executive of the Mississippi Baptist Convention,

was the next speaker. Dr. Davis paid a heart-moving tribute to Dr. Hume for his dedication and deep and abiding concern for the welfare and freedom of his race in the state, revealing for the first time a conference with Rev. Hume, looking towards plans for the establishment of at least two fully accredited schools like Natchez College, for the training of religious leaders.

One of the most dramatic moments was the arrival of the Mayor of Greenville, who was not listed on the program, but who nudged his way through the tightly packed crowd to a place on the rostrum to request the privilege of making a few remarks. The Mayor described

Rev. Hume as one of the outstanding citizens of Greenville, and a true lover of his people, describing him as a man who will be missed by white and Negro citizens of the city.

The eulogy was delivered by Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, Pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, and President of the National Baptist Convention.

Giving every evidence of his own unequivocal and uncompromising conviction of the greatness of Rev. Hume as a dedicated and unselfish leader of his people, as a preacher, and a "Man-of-God," Dr. Jackson selected a text and a subject that gave him a wide range upon which probe the high character and virtues of the deceased leader, while at the same time affording him the opportunity to lash out at those who have tried to heap coals of fire upon him during the last days of his life.

As to the State of Mississippi, and as to the Negroes of the state particularly, Dr. Jackson, in referring to the Biblical phrase, said of Rev. Hume, Truly, a mighty man has fallen in Israel, this day.

Picturing Rev. Hume as a true leader of his people, one who must at times be away out in front of the crowd and bear the winds of prevailing circumstances, Dr. Jackson said Hume has his enemies, and a great host of friends who could and did defend him, but there was no man in Mississippi that could "interpret" him. Pointing out here that most of the criticism of Dr. Hume and other Negro leaders comes from the fact that they must of necessity be out in front of the masses, and the lack

of an interpreter makes it possible for them all too often to be misunderstood.

Lashing out at the recent critics calls those less informed of all who have indulged in calling Rev. Hume an "Uncle Tom."

The obituary was read by Rev. C. L. West, Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention.

The survivors are: wife, Mrs. Mary Chandler Hume; one daughter, two sons, two brothers, two sisters, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

The active pallbearers were Rev. E. L. Johnson, Rev. H. F. Richardson, Rev. J. E. Birts, Rev. C. Johnson, Rev. C. H. Moreland, Rev. R. L. Butler.

The honorary pallbearers were G. H. Hankins, P. F. Parker, E. D. Slaughter, E. W. Wallace, R. H. Walls, A. L. Sadler, F. McElhaney, W. M. Wells, R. L. Washington, R. C. Gallion, L. L. Miller, J. H. Parker, F. P. Shorts, J. D. Thurmond, C. C. Claiborne, J. M. Coleman, R. H. Hendricks, H. D. Dupree, N. B. Jackson, J. A. Randle, L. D. Woodley, V. T. Taylor, T. F. Hammond, W. C. Mazique, R. S. Scott, C. C. Coleman, L. H. Hill, E. D. Ward, S. E. Wiles, E. E. Spencer, J. P. Lewis, L. W. Williams.

Interment was at Greenville Memorial Park, with arrangements in charge of Dillon Funeral Home.

Rev. H. H. Hume

Up in Greenville Tuesday morning funeral rites were held for Rev. H. H. Hume, President of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Mississippi, and long-time editor and publisher of the Delta Leader, one of the leading Negro newspapers of the state, who died of a heart attack last Wednesday night.

In the language of the Bible we say here that a great man has fallen in Israel; and in these tension ridden and unpredictable times, for the state of Mississippi, in general, and for its Negro people, in particular, his falling has left a tragic void in its wake.

The masses of Negroes of the state move to a high emotional and psychological pitch in their desire for, and in the drive for full civil rights for all in Mississippi. Rev. Hume, was one of the few true, and ~~really~~ able Negro leaders, who had the basic wisdom, and sound judgement, that would not allow him to lose sight of the fact that this state is made up of almost an equal division of white and Negro citizens, and that the working out of the problems imposed by the issue of civil rights, and desegregation can be accomplished only by the working together of responsible white and Negro citizens, in the spirit of christianity and goodwill.

Moreover, his basic wisdom and sound judgement made him understand that white people, especially politicians in Mississippi are not too be judged by what they say for public consumption, but their true estimate can only be arrived at by personal contact, and hence he was willing to risk being called an "Uncle Tom" in order to maintain such contacts and thus be able to explore the last possible avenue of good for his own people.

In joining with his true friends in mourning his passing we say that not only has a great man fallen in the state but that his passing has left all but an irreplaceable void.

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MICHIGAN

# Rites Held For Horace A. White

DETROIT — Funeral services MICHIGAN CHRONICAL from the were held Thursday at Plymouth late thirties until his death. Congregational church for the Rev. Horace A. White, 49, who died Monday. He had been ill for approximately four months.

The Rev. White served as pastor of Plymouth Church from 1938 until his death. Prior to coming to

Detroit he served as a minister in Cleveland, Ohio.

A graduate of Drew seminary in New Jersey, Western Reserve university, Oberlin college and the University of Michigan, Rev.

White held degrees in divinity and psychiatric social work. Wilber force university conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor

of divinity. P. 2 He is survived by his wife Mary

He was born in Rome, Ga. in 1908 the son of Alfred Green White and Dora Wallace White.

Coming to Detroit at a time when the organized labor movement was attempting to get a foothold in the automotive industry, the young Congregational preacher joined with those in the community who supported the labor movement and actively participated in the union organization effort.

In 1941-42 he served one term in the Michigan State Legislature, having been elected in Nov. of 1940. Prior to this he was a member of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors. 22-58

He was appointed to the Detroit Housing Commission by the late Mayor Edward J. Jeffries where he was instrumental in opening the Sojourner Truth Housing project to Negro families. He was active as a public official in settling difficulties which arose during and following the Sojourner Truth riots.

During and following the Detroit Race Riots of 1943, he distinguished himself in the field of race relations and for his work in abating racial tensions in Detroit.

In addition to his duties as Pastor of Plymouth Church, the Rev. White was director of the Lapeer Consultation Center, a director of the Detroit branch of the NAACP and an officer of the Lewis Business college.

For many years he was Secretary of the Western Union Mutual Life Insurance Company which merged with the Great Lakes Mutual Life Insurance Company a few years ago.

A noted lecturer he appeared regularly at colleges and universities in many cities.

He is survived by his wife Mary Juanita, and their children; Peter

Christopher and Celea Marie. Two sons by a former marriage; Alton and John Phillip are survivors

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## Lone Negro Dentist In J. C. (Mo.) Dies

Jefferson City, Mo., Dr. Harvey Judson Graves, former dentist of Jefferson City and the only Negro one in the city, died in his home, 314 E. Dunham last week. He was 63.

He was a former president of the Democratic club of Missouri. He was employed on a part-time basis as dentist at Algoa Intermediate Reformatory from 1945 to last July.

His wife, Mrs. Rosetta Bennett Graves is a dormitory hostess at Lincoln University in Anthony Hall. Other survivors include one sister, Mrs. Ollie Hare, Parker of Suffolk, Va., and one brother, Dr. C. F. Graves of Elizabeth City, N. C.

## Victim Of Heart Attack

Her Popularity  
Was Greatest  
During The 40's

By BOB GREENE

Julia Lee, the last of the great female blues singers will be buried Saturday December 13, as ~~fabulous era comes to an end.~~

The husky-voiced singer was found, lying on a divan, by her long-time maid, Gladys Dillum, when she arrived for work at mid-morning Monday. Death was attributed to a heart attack by the Marion County coroner's office.

Julia began her singing and piano-playing career in the 1920's with her brother's, George Lee, band. She and George would sing duets and she was featured as pianist with the group. Lee's band was the first aggregation to originate from Kansas City and become nationally known. Lee and Julia sang the blues. She was an expert on "dirty" blues or, as Count Basie, Charlie Parker, Lester Young, Coleman Hawkins,

Three years later she signed an exclusive contract with Capitol and her first release "King Size Papa," sold a half million copies. His 14 Brunswick Recorders were an expert on "dirty" blues or, as the forerunners of such big names as Count Basie, Charlie Parker, Lester Young, Coleman Hawkins,



**BLUES SINGER DIES.**—Julia Lee, 56-year-old singer-pianist, died Monday morning of a heart attack. She had been ill for the past year. Starting her career with her brother's band in the 20's, Julia made her fame when she and her "Boyfriends" recorded such hits as "Satch and Grab It," "King Size Papa" and "I Was Wrong" in the mid-40's. Her brother, George Lee, died October 2 in Los Angeles.

Jo Jones, Joe Turner, Walter Brown and, more recently, Earl Grant.

After George's group broke up, Julia went out on a single with Baby Lovett, a drummer from Lee's band.

In 1944 she made her first recordings with Jay McShann's band on Capitol Records. Vic Dickenson was also featured with Julia.

Three years later she signed an exclusive contract with Capitol and her first release "King Size Papa," sold a half million copies. She has been suffering with acute indigestion.

Only last week Miss Lee missed work because of illness.

At one time Julia was married to Frank Duncan, an all-time great catcher of the Kansas City

Monarchs in the days before Negroes played major league baseball. She is survived by her son, Frank Duncan III, his wife and two children.

"Julia was one of the greatest girls I know," Baby Lovett said Tuesday. "Everybody loved her."

Bud Hamilton, sales manager of the Kansas City branch of Capitol Records, said:

"The tragic news of Julia's death will come as a great shock to everyone who is familiar with Kansas City jazz. Her passing marks the end of a great career that began in the '20's.

"Her early recordings on Capitol Records have been in constant

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## Mrs. Fred A. Hughes Succumbs After Several Months' Illness; Funeral Held in St. Louis

Mrs. Ceina M. Hughes, wife of the Editor of the Christian Recorder, Rev. Fred A. Hughes, died Saturday, November 15, 1958 at 1:30 p.m. in People's Hospital, St. Louis. Suffering an attack on Friday evening after many months' illness, she was rushed to the hospital, where plans had been made for her to undergo surgery on Tuesday the 18th. In spite of her illness, which was aggravated by being struck by an automobile this past summer, and the nervous upset of someone breaking into the Hughes' resi-in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.

her passing came as a complete shock to Rev. Hughes and family. Mrs. Hughes was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, the eldest daughter of Prof. William H. and Julia Miller. She was a graduate of Lincoln High School and George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo., and also attended Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma. She was also a graduate of the International Council of Religious Education.

On March 19th of this year, the Hughes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Chicago.

Mrs. Hughes always worked faithfully by her husband's side in church activities. She had formerly served as President of the California, Puget Sound and Missouri Conference Branches, Woman's Missionary Society and was a delegate to the 1940 General Conference in Detroit, Mich. She was also a member of Esther Chapter No. 5, Order of Eastern Star, San Francisco, California.

They are the parents of five children, two sons, Lloyd H. Hughes with NESCO Headquarters, Paris, France; Fred A. Hughes, Jr., Fresno, California; three daughters, Mrs. Agnes G. Stallinger, San Francisco, Calif. Mrs. Lois M. Herald, librarian Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Marjor W. Tyson, wife of Rev. A. D. Tyson, Jr., Providence, R. I.

Funeral services will be held at St. James A. M. E. Church St. Louis, where Rev. Hughes formerly pastored, on Thursday night, November 20, 1958. Burial



MRS. FRED A. HUGHES  
Death Comes To  
J. B. Cespedes  
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A Fire Captain  
For 20 Years

Jasper B. Cespedes, retired fire department captain, died Monday, Oct. 13, at the Queen of the World hospital after an illness of several months.

For more than 28 years, Mr. Cespedes was a member of fire company No. 11 at 21st and Vine St., serving as captain for 18 years. He joined the department on July 11, 1923, when he was appointed a substitute fireman.

Captain Cespedes was transferred to company No. 7 shortly before his retirement in 1958.

Mr. Cespedes was promoted to second grade fireman on June 23, 1925. The following year, in July 1926, he received his next promotion to that of a first grade

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fireman. During the same year about six weeks later he was elevated to the position of Lieutenant. He was reclassified as Captain of the department on May 1, 1933.

Following the organization of a fire station at 1329 Liberty in the West bottom, he was transferred to this department as its captain, shortly before his retirement in 1951.

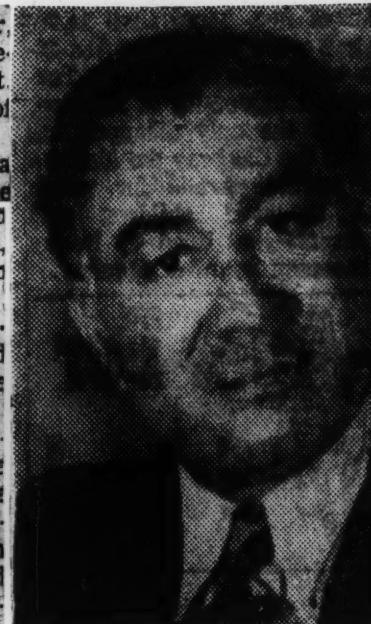
Mr. Cespedes had been in failing health about a year and had been a patient in the hospital since June 20.

Born in New Orleans, he moved here as a young man to make his home. He married Miss Grace Williams and they were the parents of five children, two of whom survive. Mrs. Grace Cespedes died April 8, 1950. About five years later, in 1955, he married Mrs. Ora Williams.

He was of the Catholic faith before uniting with the St. Stephen Baptist church. He returned to the Catholic church during his last illness.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ora Cespedes, of the home, 2946 Brooklyn; two daughters, Mrs. W. R. (Susan) Peterson and Mrs. Bettilyu Donaldson; two sons-in-law, Dr. W. R. Peterson and Davenport Donaldson; two step-daughters, Mrs. Hazel Artis and Mrs. Rosetta Brown Gardner, all of the city, a step-son, Rollin A. Brown, of Los Angeles, and five grandchildren, all of the city.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic church with Father Alvin Deem conducting the service. The rosary was recited Tuesday night at the Watkins Funeral home. The body lay in state from 5 until 10 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment was in Highland cemetery.



J.D. Cespedes  
Heart attack fatal  
to St. Louis lawyer

ST. LOUIS — Funeral services for Daniel W. Bowles, an assistant city prosecuting attorney and veteran member of the St. Louis Bar, were held Tuesday at his home.

Mr. Bowles, 72, died at his home shortly after returning from work. He was a former dean of the now defunct (St. Louis) Lincoln University Law school where he served on the faculty for 10 years. He had practiced law for more than 40 years and served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for the past year.

## George Lee, Famed Bandleader, Dies In Los Angeles, California

George Lee, famed Kansas City musician and bandleader, died early last month, THE CALL found out this week.

Lee, brother of Julia Lee, vocalist and pianist who is currently playing at a downtown night club here, was 63 years old. He died October 2 in Los Angeles, Calif.

One of the band leaders in Kansas City, Lee and his 17 Brunswick Recorders were the most popular bands in the Midwest. At one time the three top bands in Kansas City consisted of Lee, Benny Moten's 14 Victor Artists and Andy Kirk's 12 Clouds of Joy.

Actually Lee hasn't played in a number of years. He had been completely paralyzed for the last three years. He is survived by his sister, wife, Isabelle, and son, George Lee Jr.

Lee was the son of George and Kate Lee. He played sax and was a singer with the band. He fronted the band in the 20's and 30's, acquiring fame with his recordings and traveling extensively.

His sister, Julia, was with the band for 15 years, playing piano and singing.

George left Kansas City in 1940 and went to Detroit to live where he stayed five years. In 1945 he moved to California.

Lee's first recording on the Brunswick label was "If I Could Be With You," backed with "Paseo Strut." In Kansas City alone it sold 2,000 copies in one week.

The former musical great was the first featured male singer with a band in this area. His "St. James Infirmary" recording was also a big seller.

Other hits of his that have been preserved on records include "He's Tall, Dark And Handsome" and "Won't You Come Over To My House." Julia sings on both records.

Lee and his band played at a Dedication Ball in 1930 here in Kansas City in a battle of bands. The other organizations were Ben-

nie Moten's 14 Victor Artists, Andy Paul's 12 Clouds of Joy, Paul Kirk's 10 Rhythm Aces and Elmer Banks' 11 Music Masters.

## 20 leaders die in state

### NEW JERSEY

The Grim Reaper took a heavy toll of prominent leaders in many fields throughout the state in 1957.

Among those who were mourned are:

1. Mrs. Cordelia Greene Johnson, Jersey City, president, Modern Beauticians' Association, and former chairman, State Board of Beauty Control.

2. Mrs. Algine Ray, Newark, her successor as MBA president, and beauty salon owner. *P. 19*

3. ISAAC JOHNSON, Eatontown, Monmouth County Republican leader, and State Senate doorkeeper for many years.

4. F. G. Fenderson, Freehold, pioneer teacher and benefactor who organized NAACP and YMCA Branches and an adult night school. *4-58*

5. Mrs. Myrtle Williams Cobachia, 57, Belleville, first colored woman employed at Newark City Hall; former principal clerk, Board of Education, where she worked 30 years.

6. John E. Porter Sr., Methodist church leader, NAACP official and fraternal representative. *4-58*

7. The Rev. John E. Rose, pastor, Ocean Baptist Church, Jersey City.

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8. THE REV. RAKPH O'NEAL, 29, pastor, Union AME Church, Newark, suddenly while attending AME Bishops' Council meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio.

9. Dr. George A. Kyle, 72, retired, Jersey City, president, Commonwealth Dental Society.

10. Dr. Fernandis G. Shirley, 62, Montclair, a dentist in Elizabeth for 35 years. World War I veteran.

11. Miss Gwendolyn Harris, 24, registered nurse, Vineland, in office of Dr. Ulysses Campbell, East Orange, after having six teeth extracted.

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12. DR. WALTER E. LONGSHORE JR., 49, Orange, nationally known X-ray specialist, and former chairman, Orange Housing Authority, and assistant radiologist, Martin Medical Center, Newark.

13. Mrs. Mary Lee Jones, member and group leader at 13th Avenue Presbyterian Church, Newark, for 53 years.

14. Mrs. Carrie Tyler, owner of Tyler's Chicken Shack in Avenel.

15. Mrs. Anna B. Polite, 80, Asbury Park pioneer employment agency manager and churchwoman.

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16. MARTIN K. SIMBERLOFF, Elizabeth, president, League of Eastern Union County, and president, Magnolia Bow Co.

17. Rev. Samuel L. Matchett, 52, pastor, St. Mark's AME Church, East Orange.

18. Rev. William R. Gale, Ocean City, retired pastor of St. James AME Church there.

19. Mrs. Greely Brown, Elizabeth, prominent civic leader.

20. Charles A. Hunter, East Orange, Progressive Life Insurance Co. official.

## Dr. Duckrey dies

### NEWARK

Some 800 mourners crowded First African Baptist Church, 16th and Christian Sts., Tuesday morning for services of Dr. Tanner G. Duckrey whose sudden death occurred on Friday.

The body of the eminent educator, who was a district superintendent in the school system, was viewed by a steady stream of mourners for six hours on Monday.

Impressive was the funeral procession led by the pastor, Dr. Charles S. Lee, who officiated.

In his eulogy, based on the 1st Psalm, Dr. Lee said, "He was deeply dedicated to the purposes of God and of humanity." *P. 19*

Dr. Allen H. Wettner, superintendent of schools, said, "Dr. Duckrey followed the pattern of the great teacher in the Bible, giving fully of his services and talents in terms of understanding, love and affection." He was a brilliant thinker with an analytic mind, a scholar.

Dr. Clarence E. Pinkett, executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, read the scripture from 13th Corinthians.

While hundreds of condolences and resolutions were received from as far as California, where Dr. Duckrey had conducted summer sessions, only one was read during the services.

Read by Mrs. B. W. Thomas on behalf of the church it paid tribute to "our beloved, highly esteemed trustee."

Devotionals were conducted by the Rev. Quinton J. Jackson of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the Rev. John Logan Jr., rector of St. Simon PE Church.

Also seated on the altar were Councilman Raymond P. Alexander, whose wife, Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander, is related to the Duckrey family; and Father Thomas S. Logan of Calvary PE Church.

Two selections, "Hark, Hark, My Soul" and "The King Of Love My Shepherd Is" were rendered by Malcolm Poindexter.

The body lay in a gray metallic casket. Flowers were limited due to the family request that condolences be made.



"We are aware of the fact that there are others who think they have equal claim on the position, but they already occupy seven of the eight offices of district superintendent."

Prominently mentioned for the position are school principals Robert Poindexter of Barratt Junior High; Dr. Marechal-Neil Young, of Sulzberger Junior High; Dr. Ruth W. Hayre of William Penn Senior High and James Young of Vaux Junior High.

Dr. Duckrey, superintendent of District 2, died in Graduate Hospital at the age of 57. He lived at 3836 N. 16th St.

The day before his death, he had collapsed at 18th St. and Washington Ave., while driving home from his office at the Barrett Junior High School, 16th and Wharton Sts.

A CIVIC leader as well as an outstanding educator, Dr. Duckrey began his career in the schools in 1918 a

## JOE JEANNETTE, 78 EX-BOXER, IS DEAL

*Heavyweight Fought Jac  
Johnson 8 Times and Met  
Langford in 13 Bouts*

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Special to The New York Times.

WEEHAWKEN, N. J., July 29. — Joe Jeannette, heavyweight boxer who won renown in the sports world at the turn of the century, died late last night at North Hudson Hospital. His age was 78.

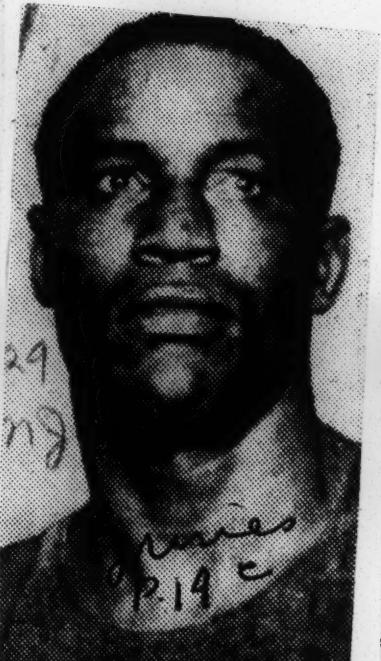
Surviving are his widow, Adele; a son, Joe, Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Kelly, all of Union City.

*Newspaper  
Fought All Over World*

Mr. Jeannette, born in 1879 in Union City, N. J., was one of a group of outstanding fighters active from around 1905 into the early Nineteen-Twenties.

The ring record book shows him as having been born in 1881 but in 1946, when a couple of years no longer mattered, Mr. Jeannette told a reporter he then was 67 years old.

His first fight of record was complete. "Boy! How that boxer named Bill Gorman. The body else could hit like that records show 141 fights but Mr. Well, maybe Joe Louis," he con



*Joe Jeannette in his prime*

Jeannette has said that a lot of his fights never got into the record books and that "I must have fought 400 times".

The other fighters in the group included Sam Langford, Sam McVey, Joe Walcott, Harry Wills, Jack Johnson, who became heavyweight champion and the famous light weight, Joe Gans. Mr. Jeannette and these others fought all over the world—in Paris, London, South America, Australia—with any opponents they could find.

But most of their fights were among the members of the group. Jeannette fought Johnson eight times, the last time in 1908, and met Langford thirteen times, according to the records. Langford, Jeannette said, was "the toughest of them all."

"Sam would have been the champion any time Johnson had given him a fight," he declared. "But Johnson wouldn't have any of us after he got the title."

Jeannette began as a club fighter near his birthplace when he was 25. His final fight was with Jim Coffey in New Haven on Nov. 22, 1918. Then Jeannette retired and opened a gymnasium on the second floor of the building known as "Jeannette's Auto Service" station.

*Admired Boston Tar Baby*

His admiration for Langford, the famous Boston Tar Baby, weighed only 165 pounds. Mr. Jeannette regarded all of this contest on the wall, but one showed Jeannette the fifth round. "But remember, Sam in 1909. In his gymnasium, Mr. Jeannette had several pictures of this fight, when McVey collapsed while limit for a championship fight. In those rough ring days

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# Pay final tribute to blind girl

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

"She helped us to be grateful for our blessings and to use our pastor of Hamilton Methodist difficulties and handicaps to make us better persons." Thus spoke Howard Cornish, chaplain of Morgan State College, at funeral services for Miss Joan C. Jackson, a talented blind Morgan senior **MISS JACKSON** who died March 26 after a brief illness.

Miss Jackson's life became her eulogy Monday when funeral services were held at the Young People's Price Memorial AME Zion Church.

The Rev. L. B. Buchanan, pastor, who directed the services, said he would give no eulogy but would invite three ministers who had shared in her life to say a word.

One of the three, the Rev. Mr. Cornish, said the deceased was "deeply loved, respected and liked by everyone because of her personality."

"We will never know the good she did for all of us."

"When the students looked at how she took her problems they were immediately aware of her deep religious convictions and background, thus understanding more fully that those things for which we strive are only reached by anguish and pain."

*Baltimore*  
**THE 22-YEAR-OLD** coed, with her seeing eye dog, "Boots," was a familiar sight on the campus.

Her sudden death shocked the college community.

An autopsy report revealed that death was due to a "pulmonary embolism."

This was explained as a form of heart attack where a blood clot forms in the lungs and moves to the heart, causing

sudden death.

Among the persons who filled the church to pay their last respects to the popular young woman were five fellow students from Morgan.

They included Chestine Bullock, Miss Jackson's roommate; Adele Brown, Ursula Jones, Joan Holland and Louis Adams.

The students were accompanied by John Richardson III, assistant psychology professor at Morgan.

Mrs. Mary J. Spellman, assistant dean of women, visited the co-ed's family here, but did not attend the funeral.

**THE REV. HOOKER** Davis, pastor of Hamilton Methodist Church, Atlantic City, who became more closely associated with Joan while teaching summer class at Morgan said:

"There was something magnetic, something real about Joan that drew people to her. . . not out of sympathy or pity, but something about the person."

The Rev. Matthew E. Neil, pastor of Union Baptist Temple, said "All who knew her found an inspiration to live an abundant life."

The Rev. Mr. Buchanan, as Joans pastor, spoke in glowing terms of her service to the

Choir, the Sunday School, serving "although she was afflicted with blindness, she was blessed with courage, with fortitude, and with a sweet singing voice."

A native of Atlantic City, N.J., and a psychology major, Miss Jackson was due to graduate in June.

**SHE IS SURVIVED** by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson; six brothers, Nathaniel, Danny, Paul, Edward, and Pvt. James and Robert Jackson, both stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Blind since childhood, she attended the Paterson, N.J. Overbrook School for the Blind, and was a graduate of Atlantic City High School where she sang in the Glee Club.

At Morgan Miss Jackson was a member of the psychology society, the YWCA and the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College, issued the following statement after her death:

"We are deeply saddened at the death of our coed. The death of any youngster who is just on the threshold of

a hard-won achievement is always tragic, but the tragedy becomes more poignant when a courageous youngster like Miss Jackson is involved."

## Jeanette Dies In New Jersey

WEEHAWKEN, N.J. — (UPI) — Joe Jeanette, 70, former heavyweight who was regarded as one of the top fighters in the early 20th century, died at North Hudson hospital of a heart ailment.

In later years the man whose race kept him from a title bout, broke the racial barrier in refereeing by becoming the first Negro to referee in New York and New Jersey.

Last month, Ring 14 of the Veteran

Jeanette, a Negro, never got a chance to crack at the championship, prob. organization, awarded Jeanette its

ably because of his race. He lived yearly merit award. A son and

ed at 2612 Summit ave., Union City daughter accepted the trophy for

and operated a gymnasium in that city for many years. It was frequent

greats of the ring world.

### FOUGHT JOHNSON, LANGFORD

Jeanette was born in Hoboken and began boxing when he was 23. He ended his career in 1918 after hundreds of fights, including 13 against Jack Johnson, before the latter won the title.

Jeanette defeated Johnson once lost to him once, and fought two draws and four no-decision contests with the soon-to-be champion

After winning the title, Johnson refused to give Jeanette a crack at the crown.

The Union City fighter's glory years were between 1905 and 1915. He was famous for a 1909 49-round bout with Sam McVay in which Jeanette was knocked down 27 times yet came on to knock out McVay.

Jeanette also fought the fabulous Frenchman, Georges Carpentier, in France and also numbered among his opponents Harry Wills, Kid Norfolk, Bill Tate, Porky Flynn and Jack (Twin) Sullivan.

Jeanette trained Carpentier for the latter's title bout with Jack Dempsey in 1921.

### TRAINED CONTENDERS

In boxing's golden era of the 1920's, Jeanette trained heavyweight contender Stanley Porela and leading lightweight contender Irish Bobby Brady at his Union City gym.

In his own hey-day, Jeanette stood five feet 10 inches and featured a stunning left jab.

# Joe Jeannette, 78, Dies: Fought Jack Johnson

*New York Tribune*  
WEEHAWKEN, N. J., July 3. — Joe Jeannette, seventy-eight, a heavyweight boxer of fifty years ago, who fought the best of his time, who estimated he had fought 400 times, died yesterday in North Hudson Hospital. He lived on Summit Ave. in Union City, and on Summit Ave. he ran a limousine service, with a gymnasium on the second floor, where he helped develop young fighters.

Jeannette was one of a group of fine Negro fighters who were active from about 1905 into the 1920s. There were Sam Langford, Sam McVey, Joe Walcott, Harry Wills, Jack

Johnson and the lightweight Joe Gans. People who saw them fight said that Jeannette was one of the best. They fought all over the world and they fought anybody who would give them a fight. Mostly they fought each other.

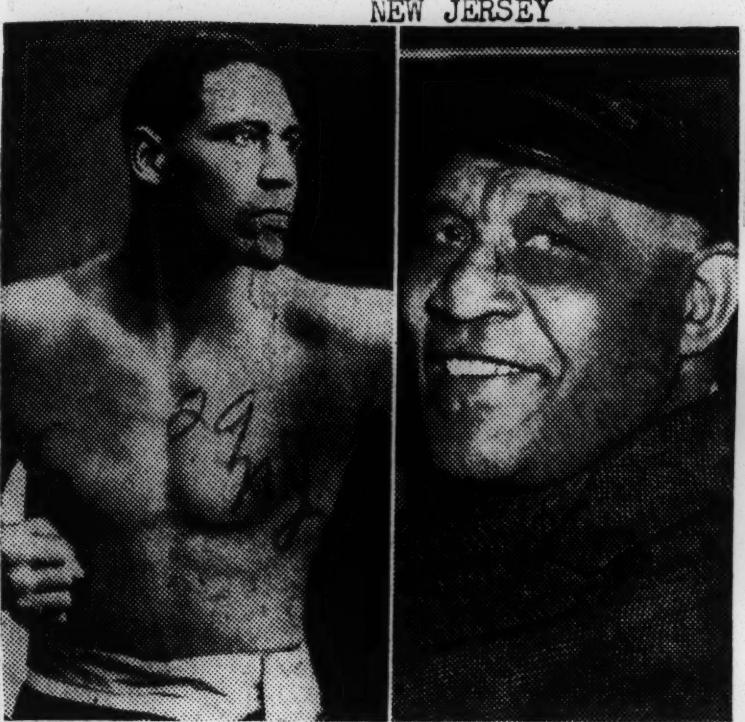
## 15 Bouts With Langford

Jeannette fought Langford fifteen times, and the heavyweight champion Johnson eight times, and he kept fighting until he was in his forties.

When interviewed about his career ten years ago, Jeannette said: "If you want to know which was the toughest of the lot, I'll tell you. It was Langford. Jack Johnson? No, sir. Not Johnson. Look, I fought them both, not once but many times. Sam would have been champion any time Johnson had given him a fight. There is no question about it. I wouldn't wonder if Sam could have beaten any man that ever fought. . . . Johnson was a good fighter. No mistake about that. Very clever, and he could hit, too. But Sam would have taken him. I know. But Johnson wouldn't have any of us after he got the title. Smart man. He was plenty scared of Sam. I don't blame him. I was too. Boy, how that boy could hit. Nobody could hit like that. Well, maybe Joe Louis. I don't know."

## 'Boston Tar Baby'

Sam Langford, the "Boston Tar Baby," called Jeannette the greatest man he had ever fought.



NEW JERSEY

Joe Jeannette (left) in his fighting form in 1909 and (right) as he appeared a number of years ago.

## Ring great boxed from

*America*  
1904 to '19  
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By SAMUEL A. HAYNES

UNION CITY, N.J. — Joe Jeannette, one of the most colorful boxers in American history, died at the age of 78 at North Hudson Hospital in nearby Weehawken of a heart ailment.

In 1949, illness left him almost speechless and helpless, and he was confined to a chair at his home, 2612 Summit Ave. here.

He was recently honored for his exploits in the ring by Hudson County VBA Ring 14.

Prior to his illness, the old ring wizard had successfully operated a gymnasium where he imparted to young fighters his knowledge of the game, and also operated a limousine service.

A NATIVE of North Bergen where he was born in 1879, Jeannette in the prime of his career was a marvel of physi-

cal excellence at 6 feet and 190 pounds.

He sent down to defeat most of the greatest fighters in the world during the period 1904 until 1919.

His last fight was on Nov. 11, 1919, when he won a decision from Bartley Madden on a foul in four rounds.

*Baltimore*  
JENNETTE's spectacular career spanned a 10-year period, 1904-1915.

He was the last of the "Big Four" colored heavyweights who kayoed the myth of "white supremacy" in the ring before the coming of former heavyweight champion Joe Louis after the turn of the century.

Jennette, along with the late Jack Johnson, Sam Langford and Sam McVey succeeded the white heavyweight champions, John L. Sullivan, James J. Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim J. Jeffries.

Although Jack Johnson was the only one of the "Big Four" colored heavyweights to sit on that throne so long occupied by the white titleholders the record book reveals that Jennette was his equal.

JENNETTE and Johnson met eight times in the ring.

Jennette and Johnson both scored single victories over each other, and they fought twice to a draw and met four times again with no-decisions.

After Johnson made fistic history by winning the heavyweight crown from Tommy

Burns in 1908, he denied Jeannette an opportunity to dethrone him.

Jennette's survivors are his wife, Mrs. Adelaide Jeannette; his son, Joe Jr., and his daughter, Mrs. Agnes Kelly, all of Union City.

# Alfred Isaac, New York pastor Harlem New York, N.Y. Pastor, Dies

*Sum. 18-24-58*

The Rev. Alfred Isaac, thirty-five, pastor of the Union Baptist Church, 240 W. 145th St., and leader of Negro anti-segregation forces in the South, died Friday night of a heart ailment in the New York Hospital. He lived at 2300 Fifth Ave.

A native of Orangeburg, S.C., Mr. Isaac was dismissed two years ago from his post as assistant professor of history and chaplain at South Carolina State College in what he termed was a reprisal for his activities on behalf of school integration.

In Orangeburg he also occupied the pulpit of the New Mount Zion Baptist Church until a year ago and was a leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the South Carolina Council on Human Rights. Last September he came to New York to take the pulpit of Union Baptist Church, one of Harlem's largest.

## Powell Supporter

Recently he served as Democratic leader in the 12th A. D. and was an active supporter of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, who won renomination in the primary election two weeks ago.

Mr. Isaac's wife, Dorothy, who had lost her job as a first-grade teacher in Orangeburg, became a public school teacher here.

A graduate of South Carolina State College, Mr. Isaac received a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Howard University School of Religion in Washington, D. C., and a Masters of Arts in history from the University of Wisconsin.

Surviving, besides his wife, are his mother, Mrs. Connissa Isaac, and two sisters. A funeral service will be held at 11 a. m., Tuesday, at the Union Baptist Church.



JOE JENNETTE  
Dies at 78 P. 18



JOE JENNETTE  
In an early fight pose

# VERNON RIDDICK, Rites Held For MAGISTRATE HERE Stepmother Of Publisher

O'Dwyer Appointee, Second Negro Named to That Court, Dies—Ex-State Official

Vernon C. Riddick, a City Magistrate, died yesterday at Sydenham Hospital. His age was 60. He resided at 40 Morningside Avenue.

Mr. Riddick and his wife, Dorothy, were injured in an automobile accident in Springfield Gardens, Queens, on Nov. 28. He suffered a broken rib at that time but his condition was not considered serious. Mrs. Riddick recovered but the magistrate later became ill and it was believed the accident had been a factor contributing to his death.

The magistrate was appointed by Mayor William O'Dwyer in 1946. It was Mr. O'Dwyer's first nomination to that bench. Mr. Riddick was the second church, conducted the services. Immediately after the service the Wriley Funeral Home shipped the body to Savannah for a private service and burial, conducted by Monroe Funeral Home.

In addition to her two aunts, both of whom lived here, she is survived by other stepchildren: Whittier, Frederick and Ethel Sengstacke and Mesdames Florence Collins and Mildred Major, all of Chicago.

He had been a member of the New York National Guard. In 1941 he entered the 369th Infantry Regiment, later the 369th Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft, with which he served during World War II at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He attained the rank of lieutenant colonel.

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NEW YORK — Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie V. Sengstacke, stepmother of Defender publisher and editor, John Sengstacke were held here Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Sengstacke, a columnist for the New York Age and active in club and religious activities was killed Saturday when hit by an automobile while shopping for a birthday party she had planned for one of her aunts who lived

A native of Savannah, Ga., Mrs. Sengstacke was the second wife of Rev. H. A. Sengstacke whose first wife died in 1923. They had no children.

Service here were held at Union Baptist church on 145th st., where she was an active member.

Mr. Riddick was the second church, conducted the services. Negro to be appointed in the city, the first having been Miles A. Paige, an appointee of Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia.

Mr. Riddick, a native of Portsmouth, Va., graduated from the Harvard University Law School in 1922. He was a partner in the law firm of Riddick & Miles in his city and later served as an assistant state attorney general.

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music at Alabama A&M College MEMPHIS (AP) — When W. C. Handy was 13 his preacher father, a Negro in Huntsville, Ala., told him he was on the wrong road.

"Son," he said, "You are trotting down to hell on a fast horse in a porcupine saddle."

But Handy had music in him. It had to come out. The best of it spilled while he worked with honky-tonk bands in Memphis on a street his father would have considered hell on earth.

For Handy had his great days on Beale Street, back when Memphis was "murder capital of the world"—a wild river town with Beale the most sinful street of all.

There among the "sweet houses," saloons and chitterling joints, Handy and his music thrived. It was in a saloon that the blues were first set to paper.

Inspiration came from strange places. One of Handy's friends once asked a Beale barber what time he closed. "I never close up 'til somebody gets killed," was the reply. And to Handy that was the cue for the "Beale Street Blues."

His early "Jogo Blues" became the "St. Louis Blues," in recognition of a St. Louis buggy manufacturer named Russell Gardner Sr., who would reward Handy with a \$20 tip when he heard it played at the country club.

The street was paved with gold, so far as Handy was concerned. He was a big operator. From his Beale Street headquarters he often had more than 60 musicians traveling the mid-South as Handy's bands.

The bands were tops around Memphis and Clarksdale, Miss., from 1903 until 1921, when Handy closed shop and headed for New York, where he died in a hospital early Friday at the age of 84.

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NEW YORK (AP) — W. C. Handy, reportedly still brought him about \$25,000 a year in royalties.

He was the son and grandson of Methodist preachers. His father wanted to have him enter the ministry. But music was in the boy's soul.

Handy was born William Christopher Handy in Florence, Ala., Nov. 16, 1873. But he was known only by the initials.

The songs of the South were said in explanation of his success, "The songs of the South were

He had served as bandmaster of a minstrel troupe. In 1903 Handy quit the teaching profession to become a band and orchestra leader.

Handy liked to claim that he invented jazz. Its exact origins are obscure, so this claim was often disputed.

But there was little question that the blues were born in 1909 when Handy composed "Memphis Blues." It was used as a campaign song in a mayoralty campaign in the Tennessee city.

Having trouble finding publishers for his work, Handy came North and set up his own music publishing house in New York.

In 1941, his autobiography was published under the title, "Father of the Blues."

Handy had six children by his first wife, Elizabeth, who died in 1937. Four of the children are still living. On Jan. 1, 1954, at the age of 80, he married his long-time secretary, Irma Louise Logan.

Handy had hoped to fly to St. Louis April 7 for the premiere of a movie based on his life and titled "St. Louis Blues."

Other classics among some 60 blues melodies Handy turned out during his lifetime included "Memphis Blues," and "Beale Street Blues," the latter named for the famous Negro street in Memphis.

His first blues song was "Memphis Blues," and Handy sold the rights to it for \$100. But he did better on others, and "St. Louis



# 'EVENING SUN GOES DOWN' FOR HANDY

## William Christopher Handy

(AN EDITORIAL)

Most of us looked upon William Christopher Handy as a tremulous, old blind man, who played halting tunes on a trumpet and always the same tune—"The St. Louis Blues."

But Handy was not always blind. He was an expert trumpeter, who in his day could reach for the high notes with the same skill now displayed by Louis Armstrong.

A preacher's son, his father and mother wanted him to go into the ministry. But he preferred playing the trumpet to anything else.

So with 20 cents in his pocket, he ran away from home, formed his own band and traveled, living wherever he could, even though some of the places were entirely questionable.

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HE WAS so poor that when he wrote the most famous of all his songs—"The St. Louis Blues"—he sold the publication rights and never received royalties from it until the first copyright had expired. 4-5-58

As a young man, he was dapper, liked good clothes and in common with many musicians of his day placed little value on money. *Baltimore*

He lost so many of his compositions, he formed his own publishing concern, Pace and Handy, and in these later years received \$25,000 a year royalties from "The St. Louis Blues" and another \$25,000 from his other songs.

While most of us believe that Handy wrote only the "Memphis Blues" and "The St. Louis Blues," he had more than 100 titles which bore his name as composer of both words and music.

THIS PREACHER'S son earned most of his money writing and playing blues, but his religious background was so deeply ingrained he also composed many hymns and gospel songs which are still being sung today.

No marble is needed to perpetuate his name in memory.

His plaintive, minor key music is a universal and everlasting monument to his creative perception and deep understanding of the longings of the human spirit.

NEW YORK—"They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy," words that he penned over 18 years ago, might well have been the theme song of his life.

William C. Handy, at the age of 84, is dead, but for the past 50 years he lived a happy, useful life, enjoying day by day the fruits of his toil.

He died Friday morning at Sydenham Hospital of acute pneumonia. 4-5-58

At his bedside when he died were his wife, Mrs. Irma Louise Logan Handy, whom he married two years ago; two sons, William C. Handy Jr. and Wyer Handy; a daughter, Mrs. Katherine Lewis; a brother, Charles, and a grandson, William C. Handy III.



WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER HANDY  
His 'evening sun went down' at 84

HIS FUNERAL is to take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Abyssinian Baptist Church. The Rev. A. Clayton Powell is to preside.

"The father of the blues" had been in a coma since last Sunday. He was rushed to Sydenham Hospital by his wife and close friends. 4-5-58

By mid-week he had rallied slightly, but never regained full consciousness. Three physicians, Dr. Jesse Green, Neville C. Whitman and F. Applebaum were in attendance.

IT IS THE irony of life that death came just two weeks before the film on Handy's life opens in Paramount Theatre in New York, with Nat (King) Cole playing the leading role.

An entourage of critics was scheduled to meet at Handy's home next week for a sneak preview of the film. Instead they will gather at his bier.

Mr. Handy's last public appearance was on Nov. 17, 1957, at a birthday party for him at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. More than 800 actors, musicians, and public personalities gathered in the grand ballroom of the hotel to hail the "father of the blues."

President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon and Governor Harriman were among the notables to send telegram of congratulation. Mayor Wagner proclaimed "W. C. Handy Week" in New York.

HAD HE REMAINED in Florence, Ala., where he was born on Nov. 16, 1873, all of his life, he would never have become a national figure.

Although both his father and grandfather were ministers, William preferred the singing of laborers on the docks to the music of the church.

At 10 years of age he was reading music by sight and right afterward stealing lessons on a rotary valve cornet and singing a high tenor voice in quartets. 4-5-58

AT 23 he was a bandmaster for Chicago's Mahara Minstrel Band of 42 pieces.

He spent five years playing everything from Beethoven to

"Georgia Camp Meeting" and traveling from Mexico and Cuba to Canada.

At 27 he was professor of music at A. and M. College, Huntsville, Ala.

At 36 he wrote the first piece to bring him fame. It was a campaign song for Democratic Boss E. H. Crump, then running for mayor of Memphis, Tenn.

Its name was "Memphis Blues," the first blues song, written in back of Thornton's Barbershop near Poplar St. Station.

WILLIAM HANDY'S first two compositions, "(Teddy) Roosevelt's Triumphant March" and "In the Cotton Fields of Dixie," may be unknown today, but everybody has heard the "Memphis Blues."

Played first in Dixie Park Ballroom, it set the crowd in a frenzy.

It was new, only 12 bars in the chorus instead of the usual 16.

And in addition it put down on paper "The first jazz break in American music—(a break is a pause in the blues at the end of a line where the band or singers break loose and go on a wild, improvised rampage.)

His jazz band included a tenor or sax, trombone, trumpet, clarinet, violin, guitar and bass.

He organized a chain of Handy bands, which played the blues—Memphis, Beale St. and St. Louis.

WILLIAM HANDY wrote his first blues number in 1909. No music firm would publish it.

A music store friend advised Handy that he could get 1,000 copies published printed to test it out if Handy put up the money.

Sometime later he called Mr. Handy and gave him his 1,000 copies saying he couldn't sell a single one but would give him \$100 for the song.

Discouraged, William Handy took the \$100.

Years later the music store man bragged that he had ordered 2,000 not 1,000 copies and sold out the extra 1,000 copies.

in three days. Copyrights are for only 28 years however, and Mr. Handy got his Memphis Blues back around 1940.

William Handy wrote some 20 or more blues songs—Atlanta Blues, Hesitating Blues, Basement Blues and even the Sundown Blues.

But Mr. Handy wrote more than 30 other popular songs and his African Methodist father would be proud of the fact that he has written or arranged music for 35 spirituals, hymns or church numbers.

OF HIS CLASSIC St. Louis Blues, Mr. Handy wrote:

The St. Louis Woman was a woman he had seen in St. Louis. Her face dominated the words and music.

He had seen her in 1893 during a depression. He was broke himself and knew then the meaning of the words:

"I hate to see de evenin' sun go down . . . 'cause he know that sundown meant dodging the cops and sleeping on the cold cobblestones down by the river.

But in his own misery Handy still noticed a woman who was not only broke, but broken-hearted, wandering over the levee, she was moaning over and over:

"Ma man's got a heart like a rock cast in the sea."

THE SENTENCE stuck in his mind, and it puzzled him. He asked another woman to explain. She said:

"Lawd man, she means her man's heart is hard, and it's gone from her so far she can't reach it."

In reminiscing, Handy never failed to credit the inspiration he drew from phrases, rhythms and half-tunes which he heard colored people singing in the fields and factories all over the South.

But in a mild and kindly fashion he remonstrated with the writers and critics who speak of the leading jazz composers as "untutored native musicians who drew their inspiration from the soil."

ACTUALLY, HE SAID, almost all of them read music and got their training in bands which generally played music from operas such as Carmen, Il Trovatore and the Gilbert and Sullivan light operas."

Mr. Handy was a man of tough stock. When he was 70 he could look back upon times when he had been practically broke, three times he had been

blind and once he was given up for dead after he fell from a subway platform.

As he faced the end, however, he was financially secure with Class A membership in the American Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers, which pays him and his heirs \$25,000 per year, and his own publishing firm, The Handy Music Publishing Company, which netted over \$25,000 yearly.

At a recent interview, he patted his trumpet and said:

"Life is something like this trumpet. If you don't put anything in it you don't get anything out. And that's the truth."

## Handy's Funeral Held

NEW YORK (AP)—Harlem bade farewell Wednesday to W. C. Handy, who fathered the blues that are its eternal torch song. Police estimated that 150,000 persons attended his funeral cortège past *Memphis* *3-58*.

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Mayor Robert F. Wagner told 2,500 mourners inside Powell's Abyssinian Baptist church on W. 138th St.: "He left an example not only to us but to generations to come."

President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon sent messages of condolence. So did New York's Gov. Averell Harriman.

# BAND SEES HANDY OUT OF HARLEM

*Times, p. 3*

Rites for Author of 'St. Louis Blues' Draw 150,000 to Neighborhood

*24 May*  
JAZZ NOTABLES ATTEND

*New York, N.Y.*  
Cootie Williams Plays Hymn at Service—Brass Horns Lead Long Cortege

By HARRISON E. SALISBURY

The sad trumpet of Charles (Cootie) Williams blew a requiem yesterday for W. C. Handy, "father of the blues."

Mr. Hand, who was 84 years old, died Friday. Yesterday, last rites for the composed of the "St. Louis Blues" were conducted at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 West 138th Street.

The police estimated that 150,000 persons watched the slow progress at the funeral procession, led by the thirty-piece brass band of the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 454 West 151st Street.

A sleek maroon Cadillac hearse, rather than the traditional black-plumed horses of New Orleans, bore the coffin of Mr. Handy to its resting place at Woodlawn Cemetery, the Bronx.

*2,500 in Church*  
2,500 persons crowded into the Abyssinian church for the rites.

The mourners were quiet as the Rev. Richard A. Hilderbrand of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church offered a prayer. He said Mr. Handy had "captured the heart throbs of a forlorn and stricken people and set them to music."

Then Mr. Williams took his place in the organ gallery. He hunched his shoulders and put one hand over the mouth of his golden trumpet as it sobbed the opening notes of Mr. Handy's favorite hymn, "The Holy City."

Mrs. Handy, in black straw hat, black mourning veil, black

coat and dress, sat composed and silent.

Mayor Wagner called Mr. Handy "an example for generations to come."

The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., pastor of the Abyssinian church and a member of Congress, said:

"His personal blues are now finished. No more the problems of Beale Street. No more the irritations of Memphis. No more the vexation of the St. Louis woman. No more the cynical 'Love, Oh Love, Oh Careless Love.'"

#### Powell Continues

Mr. Powell paused. After a moment of silence he continued: "Gabriel now has an understudy—a side man. And when the last trumpet shall sound I am sure that W. C. Handy will be there to bury this world, as a side man."

Within the church were great Dixieland jazz figures like Wilbur de Paris and Claude Hopkins, the famous "Shuffle Along" pair—Eubie Blake and Noble Sissle—and Cab Calloway.

Irving Caesar, the composer and Oscar Hammerstein 2d, the lyricist, Langston Hughes, the poet; Marion Anderson, Harry Hirshfield, Ed Sullivan and Col. Hubert Julian, the once-famous "Black Eagle" of Harlem, were also in the congregation.

There were also public dignitaries including Borough President Hulen Jack and Paul Cunningham, head of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, of which Mr. Handy had been a member for more than thirty years.

The Mayor of Memphis sent a message offering the W. C. Handy Memorial Park in Memphis as Mr. Handy's last resting place. Mrs. Handy rejected the offer with thanks.

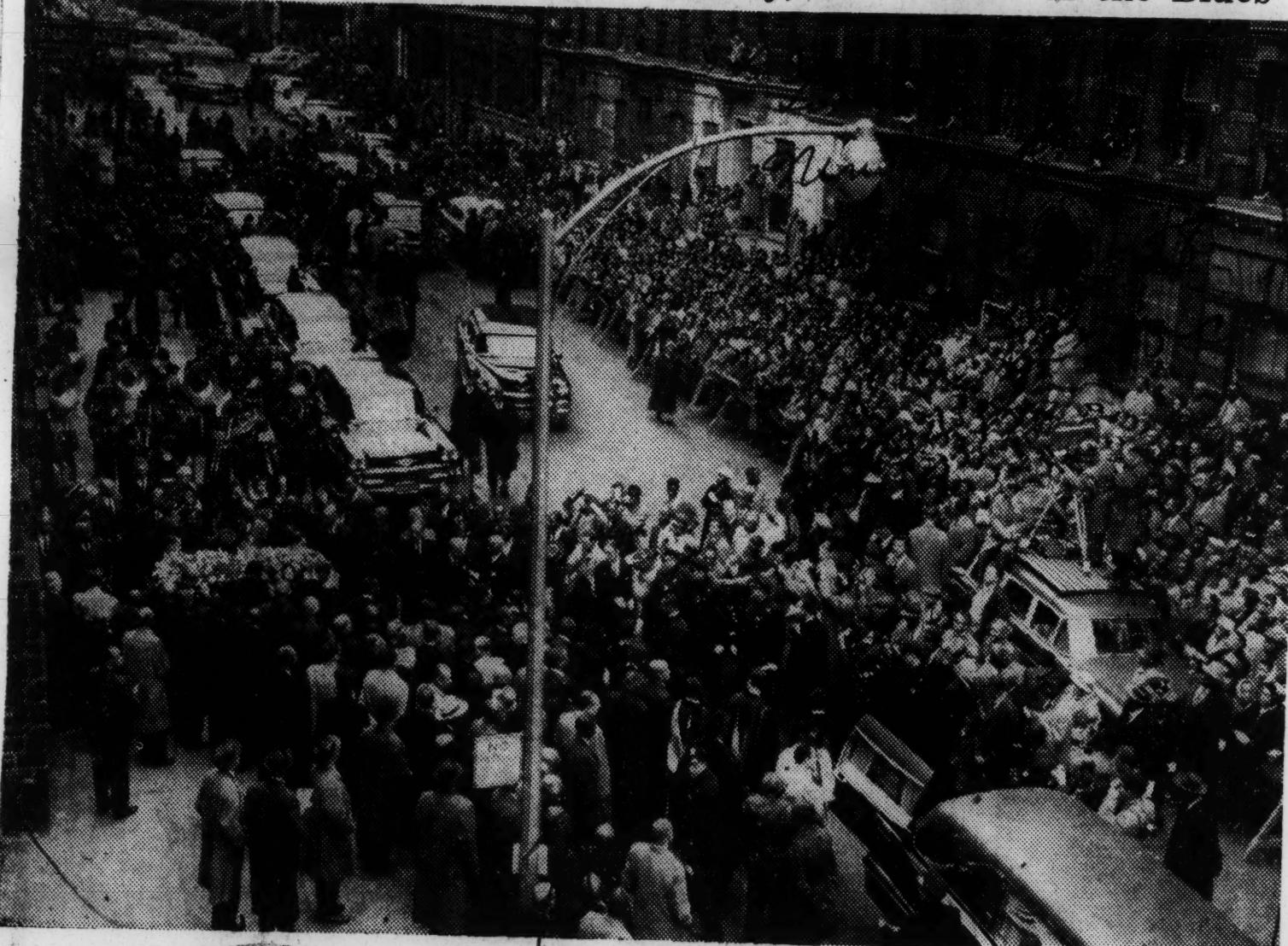
Outside the church the funeral procession assembled as television cameras watched. To the strains of "Nearer My God to Thee" the coffin was borne out. The crowd joined in singing the hymn.

Finally, all was ready. The band, bright in blue uniforms and gold braid, came first, playing the cadenced tones of Chopin's funeral march. Behind bearer on foot, two flower cars the maroon hearse and thirty-one cars of mourners.

The cortège turned up Lenox Avenue. Here a huge truck was drawn at one side of the street.

It served as an impromptu reviewing stand for a dozen

## Harlem's Final Tribute to W. C. Handy, the 'Father of the Blues'



The New York Times

Body of W. C. Handy is carried from the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 West 138th Street, after the services

Harlemites. Further up the street cameramen clicked lenses atop a horse-drawn cart.

#### Crowd Thins Out

At 152d Street and Seventh Avenue the formal procession ended.

Here the crowd had thinned to a handful. The band stood at one side and struck up the "St. Louis Blues" in funeral tempo. After a few bars it switched back to Chopin's funeral march.

The funeral cortège reformed without the marching band and pallbearers. It accelerated up the approaches of the bridge over the Harlem River. A Voice of America broadcaster talked ceaselessly into his portable microphone in French.

The wind in gusts from a gray sky whipped at the coats of the dispersing mourners. As

the last cars sped up the approach to the bridge, Wolford Edwards, the conductor, turned to his bandmen:

"All right, men, 'St. Louis Blues' again. A little faster this time."



the fighter's mother in "The Joe Louis Story" and was in a featured role in "The Lady From Shanghai."

Associated Press

Brass band of Prince Hall Masonic Temple leads funeral procession on Lenox Avenue between 135th and 136th Street. The police estimated 150,000 persons lined the streets.

• Lafayette Players, playing principally in colored theaters in New York, Philadelphia, Washington D. C., and Chicago during the 1920's. *Kennedy*

#### The Original "Bess"

She created the role of Bess in the 1927 Broadway hit, "Porgy." When "Porgy" opened at the Guild Theater on Oct. 10, 1927, it received rave reviews, and one New York drama critic wrote that Miss Ellis's interpretation of Bess was "as scrupulous a piece of theatrical veracity as you will encounter in the Broadway art-zone."

*Shura. 2-13-58*  
SARANAC LAKE, N. Y. — She made her Broadway debut — (NNPA) — Evelyn Ellis, in a leading role in "Goat Song," 34, who was leading lady with Andrew Bishop, and starred with the Lafayette Players, a stock company of colored performers, died Thursday in the Variety Clubs-Will Rogers Memorial hospital.

Before her triumph in "Porgy," the Dorothy and DuBoise Heyward play of life in Catfish Row, Charleston, S. C., in 1927, Miss Ellis portrayed Lucy Bell in "Goat Alley" on the Broadway stage.

Born in Boston, she made her professional stage debut in "Othello" at the famous Lafayette Theater in Harlem in 1919. Later she was seen on Broadway in "Roseanne."

She lived in New York City and had entered the hospital last December, suffering from a heart ailment. Miss Ellis gained her early experience as a trouper with the

#### Frequent Mother Roles

In 1941 Miss Ellis acted the mother in the Orson Welles staging of "Native Son," the dramatization of the novel of the same name by Richard Wright. She played the mother of Canada Lee in the production and in the revival the next year. She portrayed the housekeeper in the Broadway production of "Deep Are the Roots," staged in 1945.

Miss Ellis directed and played the starving, bedraggled mother, Ada Lester, in the all-colored production on Broadway of "Tobacco Road" in 1950.

In a revival of "The Royal Family" in the City Center in 1951, Miss Ellis had the role of Bella. Her last Broadway appearance was as Aunt Emma in "Touchstone" in 1953.

#### Appeared on TV

Since then she had acted in several off-Broadway productions, including "Supper for the Dead" at the Theatre de Lys.

Miss Ellis also had acted frequently in television plays. In motion pictures she took the part of

# Evelyn Ellis, first 'Bess,' is buried

NEW YORK Funeral ser-

vices were scheduled here Sunday for Evelyn Ellis, 64-year-old actress who created the role of "Bess" in the 1927 Broadway production of "Porgy."

Miss Ellis died Thursday at the Variety Clubs-Will Rogers Memorial Hospital in Saranac Lake, N.Y. She had been confined at the hospital since last December, suffering from a heart condition.

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MISS ELLIS, who was born in Boston, made her professional stage debut in "Othello" in Harlem's famous Lafayette Theatre in 1919. She was seen on Broadway in Nan Bagby Stephen's "Roseanne."

The Theatre Guild first produced Dorothy and DuBose Heyward's play of life in Catfish Row in 1927 under the title "Porgy." It later became the book for George and Ira Gershwin's folk opera, "Porgy and Bess."

BEFORE HER triumph in "Porgy" in 1927, Miss Ellis was seen here as Lucy Belle Dorsey in a revival of "Goat Alley," Ernest Howard Culbertson's drama of colored life in Washington slums.

In 1941 Miss Ellis acted the mother in the Orson Welles staging of "Native Son" by Paul Green and Richard Wright. She played the mother of Canada Lee in the production and in the revival the next year. She was seen as the housekeeper in "Deep Are the Roots," by Arnaud d'Usseau and James Gow, staged here by Elia Kazan in 1945.

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"Believe it or not," Brooks Atkinson said in his review in The New York Times. "but there is a certain pathetic beauty in the part of the mother as Miss Ellis acts her." He noted that she stood out in what he

EVELYN ELLIS



## Death To Maurice Ross, Urban League Official

National Conference on Social Welfare.

NEW YORK CITY. — Richard Maurice Moss, associate director of the National Urban League, died Saturday, Nov. 8, of a heart attack in St. John's Episcopal hospital in Brooklyn. His age was 61. He lived at 542 Decatur Ave., Brooklyn.

A graduate of Columbia college

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Joe Louis Story," and was in a

featured role in "The Lady

From Shanghai."

He was a member of the Governor's Pennsylvania Commission on the Urban Negro Population; the Allegheny County Board of Public Assistance; the Interracial Advisory Committee of the Pennsylvania State Department of Welfare; vice-president of the Pennsylvania State Social Welfare conference; chairman of the Pittsburgh Committee on the American Negro Experiment; and state director of Pennsylvania for the 1936 WPA White Collar Study. He was also a member of the executive committee of the Joint Commission on Social Justice.

Mr. Moss returned to the national headquarters of the Urban League in November, 1948, to assume the post of associate executive director.

He was a member of the board of the Windham Children's Service; the 1950 Mid-Century White House Conference on Children; the board of the Social Work Vocational Bureau; a member of the administrative committee, Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies; White House Conference on Education; and the Spence-Chapin Adoption Service. He was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity; and the National Association of Social Workers, as well as the

Mr. Moss is survived by his widow, Winifred (Williams); a son, Richard Maurice Moss, Jr., a daughter, Mrs. William Cannon; a brother, Hoyt; a sister, Wilhelmina; and three grandchildren, Michael Maurice Cannon, Beverly Jean and Winni Laurelle Moss.

The League's executive director, Lester B. Granger, paid this tribute to his long-time friend and colleague:

"To his skill as a social worker Maurice Moss added an inexhaustible gift of cheerful comradeship that won friends for himself and his organization, both within and without the field of social work.

"His greatest contribution to the Urban League movement, however, was his intimate knowledge of its personnel, and of the detailed processes of its administrative machinery both in the national headquarters and in the local affiliates. He kept up a steady correspondence with the local secretariat and League Volunteers, and in this way he enhanced the feeling of teamwork in an organization that depends upon teamwork for its effectiveness.

"His death is an irreplaceable loss, and is mourned, not only by

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Evelyn Ellis

## Urban League Exec. Succumbs

NEW YORK—R. Maurice Moss, assistant to Lester Granger of the National Urban League, died in a Brooklyn hospital at noon, Saturday, Nov. 8, after having entered the institution for a routine physical check-up.

The deceased had talked to Mrs. Winifred Williams <sup>Moss</sup>, his widow, at 9 A. M., according to reports, and said he felt fine. This

led to speculation that Mr. Moss was a probable heart attack victim.

Surviving him are his widow, two children, Maurice Jr. and Evelyn Moss Cannon, along with three grandchildren, a brother, a sister. All are residents of New York City.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held Thursday, Nov. 13, at 2 P. M. in the Concord Baptist Church. The body reposed in state at Mahood's Funeral Home, Brooklyn. Mr. Moss lived at 542 Decatur St.

# W. C. Handy

## Father Of Blues Succumbs At 84

NEW YORK — (INS) — "The Father of the Blues," W. C. Handy, died early Thursday at Sydenham Hospital in New York at the age of 84.

The composer of "St. Louis Blues" and more than 60 other songs succumbed just five days after he entered the hospital for treatment of bronchial pneumonia and a uremia condition.

He lapsed into a coma Wednesday night and was put into an oxygen tent.

Present at his bedside were his second wife, Irma Louise; his son, William, Jr., daughter Katherine, brother Charles, grandson William III and other close relatives.

They were summoned after the composer's physicians reported Handy had taken a "sudden turn for the worse."

William Christopher: Handy looked at life straight and set it to haunting music.

### SUM OF ALL WORK

"This is the picture I have in mind for the W. C. Handy Foundation — that what it does for my own people may add to the sum of all work for the blind and ultimately benefit all humanity."

"Memphis Blues" had been written as a campaign tune for E. H. Crump, who was running for Mayor of Memphis. The song helped make Crump mayor and made Handy famous.

Streets, squares and theaters were named in honor of the Negro composer and music publisher who was born at Florence, Ala., Nov. 16, 1873, just eight years after the Civil War.

### BLIND TWICE

Handy was broke countless times, totally blind twice, in 1943 was nearly given up for dead after fracturing his skull falling from a subway platform in New York and suffered a stroke in 1952.

### SLEPT IN LOTS

In St. Louis he slept in vacant lots and late in his life he said, "I tried and tried all through the

years to forget that first trip to St. Louis. But I never could, and I guess it was there I got to be a man."

He became a school teacher, band master, and music teacher at A. and M. College, Normal, Ala. in 1907. He published his first song, a ballad called "In The Cotton Fields Of Dixie."

On one of his band-playing jobs in Cleveland, Miss., Handy had heard a local trio play a strange kind of music. "Handy" was the word for it," he explained. "I couldn't get it for a while. Then suddenly I did. Right there a composer was born."

### BECAME PUBLISHER

"Memphis Blues" was his first hit. By 1912 he had become a New York music publisher, Handy Brothers Music Co., Inc., of 1650 Broadway in the heart of Tinpan Alley.

In 1951, when he set up the W. C. Handy Foundation for The Blind Inc., he said:

"Forty-two years ago for a political campaign, I wrote a song his sight again. His first wife bore that appealed generally to my own him six children. She died in 1938. people — 'Memphis Blues.' The music was Negroid but it caught the fancy of the south and later inspired 'St. Louis Blues.' Negroid life, and as a result influenced the

For years his secretary, Irma Louise Logan, had been his "eyes." He married her in 1954. "We've met presidents, mayors and governors in all our travels," he said, "and always she has been my eyes." He never stopped working at his publishing office or making his annual visit to Memphis.

In 1957, Yonkers honored him by naming Minerva Place, "W. C. Handy Place." That same year a birthday party was arranged by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Among the guests were such greats as Tallulah Bankhead, Oscar Hammerstein II and Pearl Bailey.

But Handy, confined to a wheelchair by a stroke suffered in 1952, held his own private party the day before. He played his trumpet for his friends and told them, "I've written another composition. It's called:

"They That Sow In Tears Shall Reap In Joy."

NEW YORK



## Handy Memorial Fund Drive To Be Nationwide In Scope

By ROBERT GRAY

Friends and admirers throughout the nation will have an opportunity to contribute to a W. C. Handy Memorial Fund.

Preliminary plans for a campaign of national scope were outlined yesterday in a meeting of white and Negro civic leaders of Memphis with Mayor Edmund Orgill.

The funds will be used to erect a statue of the noted Negro blues composer in W. C. Handy Park here and to establish a scholarship for talented young musicians.

Professor Handy, who lived here many years and wrote such famous songs as "St. Louis Blues" and "Memphis Blues," died last week in New York.

Contributions to the fund will be accepted by The Commercial Appeal, and a donation acknowledged. The Tri-State Bank will serve as fund trustee.

### TV, Radio To Help

The national phase of the drive will be emphasized through mediums of television and radio. H. W. Slavick, general manager of WMCT and WMC, The Commercial Appeal Stations, was named chairman of a committee to work out details and seek participation of the American Society of Composers and Publishers (ASCAP).

Hoyt Wooten, owner of WREC-TV and WREC, and William Grumbles, director of WHBQ-TV and WHBQ, were named to the committee.

Although the meeting was for planning, the fund was quickly boosted when Mr. Wooten pledged \$1,000 and Mayor Orgill increased his pledge from \$100 to \$500. Lt. George Lee, Negro business executive and civic leader, has pledged \$50.

On a motion by Frank Ahlgren, editor of this newspaper, Mayor Orgill and David N. Harsh, chairman of the County Commission, were named co-chairmen of an executive committee. Other members will be appointed.

### Handy Story Coming

In an exchange of ideas, Ed Doherty, vice president of the Variety Club, reminded that "St. Louis Blues," a motion picture based on Professor Handy's life, will open at the Strand here April 18 and arrangements may be made to devote receipts from one or more showings to the fund.

Abe Plough, president of

Plough, Inc., philanthropist and civic leader, suggested that the campaign be launched immediately.

### Others At Meeting

Others participating in the meeting included Tom Kirk, Nate Evans, Eugene Roper, Richard Lightman, Ed Sapingsley, Paul and Phil Zerillo, Jesse Turner, Prof. Blair Hunt, Sam Peace, Dr. Hollis Price, B. G. Olive, Alex Wilson, Frank Armstrong, Onzie Horne, A. C. Williams, Bernard Pincus, John Heflin, Norman Brewer, Gene Weil and Stanley Fried.

# Tribute Paid To W. C. Handy, Father Of The Blues

## Original Memphis Blues Was First Of New Music

To The Commercial Appeal:

I wish to pay my tribute to the inspired genius of "Handy." No one can appreciate him more than the youngsters who came along about the time he released his original "Memphis Blues," actually the granddaddy of them all.

I was born in 1900 in a small South Georgia town and until you have heard those minstrel bands play the "Memphis Blues" you've never heard it.

The best I ever heard was by the famous Silas Greene from New Orleans.

Handy created it, but it took the New Orleans musician to really play it.

There is no music today that will near equal the Dixieland jazz as played in New Orleans.

It took the combined genius of George Gershwin and Duke Ellington to add the finer touches of (Handy's) blue moods, with first George with his immortal "Summertime" and then his fast tempo "Taint Necessarily So," and Duke's immortal "Sentimental Over You."

I do not recall who instigated that "Shadrack" deal, but he was also a fine disciple of Handy.

All of these great blue-tinged songs have traces of the original "Memphis Blues." To me the St. Louis Blues was only a continuation of same, but with very likable and folksy lyrics. But the old original had 'em all beat when it came to music.

Those days are long gone but the melody lingers on.

J. R. COFIELD

Oxford, Miss.

## Mrs. Ruth Burgess

NEW YORK — Mrs. Ruth Burgess, supervising counselor for the City of New York, died at her home at 441 Convent Ave., recently.

A native of Eatontown, N.J., Mrs. Burgess attended the public schools of New York and held bachelor's, master's, and professional graduate degrees from Columbia.

Except for one year on the faculty of Florida A. and M. University, her entire profes-



W. C. HANDY

*'His Trumpet Will Echo Through The Years'*

*Memphis 8-16-58*

She is survived by her husband, Eugene Burgess; mother, Mrs. Lillian Shorter; sister, Miss Lillian Shorter and Mrs. Helen Elliot and Mrs. Edith Kirton, and brothers, William E. and Kenneth L. Shorter.

## Harry Wills is dead at 66

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—(AP)—The Old Brown Panther, who received \$50,000 for not stalking Jack Dempsey, is dead at 66.

Harry Wills, one of the heavyweights who lit up boxing's star-studded sky during the roaring 20s, died last night in Jewish Memorial Hospital from diabetes.

Wills, who earned the tag of his smooth like feinting held bachelors, master's, and professional graduate degrees from Columbia.

Except for one year on the faculty of Florida A. and M. University, her entire profes-

But the most famous bout for

which he signed was the one he had with Jack Dempsey that never began. The New Orleans boxer had knocked Dempsey out in the first round. Dempsey later claimed it was the racial issue that caused Wills to refuse to fight him. Wills had the best of Firpo.

THE FIGHT had been boomed for years, but Dempsey's camp managed to sidestep until Will fought a 12-round no-decision brawl with Luis Angel Firpo in September.

NEW YORK (AP) — Controversial Edgar Rouzeau, who lived a full life as a journalist and was identified with many sensational moves during his career, met the Grim Reaper here when he dropped dead of a heart attack while taking part in the American Bridge Association's tournament at the Henry Hudson Hotel.

Rouzeau was one of the founders of the ABA and loved the game.

*8-23-58*

The 53-year-old writer covered World War II for The Courier and was recognized as the first Negro to be accredited for such a position.

He also worked for the New York Amsterdam News and the Herald-Tribune.

EDGAR ROUZEAU

## P. 3 First War Reporter Dies in NY

29 1958

## W. C. Handy, A Titan Of Music

*Journalist Guide*  
DESPITE adversity and at times near-poverty, despite international fame and deserved prosperity, W. C. (WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER) HANDY was consistently genial and of gentle nature. He was stony broke often and totally blind twice. He never forgot his role and responsibilities as one of the nation's most honored Negro leaders.

*4-5-58*  
Born in Florence, Ala., just eight years after the war that freed his people.



For the last half century and for long years to come, no discussion of music, American and Negro-American music, has been or could be complete without generous reference to W. C.

### NEW YORK

HANDY. EDWIN R. EMBREE in his *BROWN AMERICANS* (Viking Press: 1943) says:

"The beginnings of jazz were the ragtime songs called the blues. The most famous of them—the 'St. Louis Blues,' written by W. C. HANDY—has been popular for half a century...

Colored musicians have strongly and subtly influenced modern music."

His great humanity was exemplified in 1951 when he set up the W. C. Handy Foundation for the Blind Inc., saying:

"This is the picture I have in mind for the foundation—that what it does for my own people may add to the sum of all work for the blind and ultimately benefit all humanity."

First the man, then the composer, then the philanthropist. His career helped elect a Memphis mayor—editor."

*Mayfield Ma*  
Streets, squares, parks, and theaters were named in his honor, including Memphis, Tenn., where he once lived, and Yonkers, N. Y., where his last and best years were spent with a devoted secretary-become-second-wife "who was always my eyes."

JOHN G. VAN DEUSEN in *THE BLACK MAN IN WHITE AMERICA* (Associated Publishers: 1944) says: "Modern jazz seems to have had its origin in the work of W. C. HANDY, a Negro who digested the airs of the itinerant musicians and evolved the first (blues) classic, 'The Memphis Blues' (which

classic, "The Memphis Blues" (which ultimately benefit all humanity."

Another author, SIDNEY FINKELSTEIN, has said: "The greatest creative contribution to United States folk music was made by the Negro people." No one contributed more as an individual to that cultural wealth than did WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER HANDY.

*Assignment: Memphis*

## Handy Park Blue Note Urged; Rock And Roll Records Echo

By LYDEL SIMS

As Memphis paid homage this week to the memory of the great Father of the Blues, W. C. Handy, a Memphian came up with a modest but appropriate suggestion.

This would be a good time, Ronny Trout of 1073 North Garland said, to make a slight change in the sign at Handy Park on Beale

*Commercial Appeal P/*  
Under the name of the park appears a single musical note, painted silver like the letters of the sign.

*4-5-58*  
Ronny Trout's suggestion: Paint the note blue.

*Memphis, Tenn.*  
SOME OF THE rock and roll fans in Memphis have launched a new music-lovers' project, a victim of it informed me yesterday.

What they do is get out a record player and a stack of records, tune the radio to a rock and roll station, and wait for the next number to be announced.

When it is, they grab the appropriate record, toss it onto the turntable, and try to synchronize radio and record player.

If you think plain rock and roll is bad, my informant says, you will be a popcorn stand from just ought to hear it with an Tennessee echo yet.

*4-5-58*  
A PROBLEM in cat manage-

ment has been submitted by Miss Lynne Moore of 1112 Salem.

Her cat, a 12-pound beast with a tail a foot long, has a habit of walking all over the neighborhood cars, leaving muddy tracks. What to do?

There's only one thing I know of, ma'am, and you wouldn't like that. If anybody has a milder suggestion, I'll be glad to relay it.

THE NUMBER of persons, and even animals, affected by big business decisions is higher than most of us dream.

A mother-in East Memphis tells me her two sons have changed the name of their black and white cat to Shainberg.

## Dr. Phelps Stokes Mourned By Many For His Services

*4-5-58*  
New York, Aug. 15—The passing of Anson Phelps Stokes, former president of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, evoked messages of condolence from Mr. Channing H. Tobias NAACP Board Chairman, and Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins.

Dr. Phelps Stokes was for many years a leader in interracial activities and in the promotion of educational opportunities for Negroes and members of other minority groups. He lived in Stockbridge, Mass.

*4-5-58*  
In a telegram to his widow, Dr. Tobias, retired executive director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, extended sympathy on behalf of the NAACP Board and of himself personally. Dr. Stokes, he said, was a good man, observant of every detail in Phelps-Stokes Foundation during his presidency and during his years on the board. I feel I owe him a great debt of gratitude. Mrs. Tobias and I are with you and the family in this hour of bereavement.

The NAACP, Mr. Wilkins said in his message, views the passing of Dr. Phelps Stokes "with deep sorrow and wishes to extend to you and the entire family its expression of sympathy."

# Trumpet Sounds Up Yonder

## St. Louis Blues

Ukulele in D Tuning



WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER HANDY  
The Evening Sun Went Down . . .

## World Mourns Composer

# Music Greats At Last Journal Guide, Norfolk, Va. Rites For W. C. Handy

Tributes from admiring thousands living in many lands, mournfully signed both by those in high places and in ordinary circumstances, poured into the palatial Yonkers, N. Y. home of W. C. Handy, "Father of the Blues" as the day of his mid-week funeral approached.

William Christopher Handy

this week. People, great and small, knew they had lost a man who made his indelible mark in the history and on the pages of music. *P. 1*

HIMSELF totally blind, after earlier losing and regaining his sight, Mr. Handy was a benefactor of the blind through the foundation he financed after his own affliction permitted him to "see" the crushing hardships of sightless persons.

Mr. Handy's burial was scheduled just five days before the St. Louis and New York premiere of the movie story of his life.

His body was on view in Campbell's Funeral Parlor (81st street and Madison avenue) on Saturday and Sunday.

As in the passing only of HONORS DUE his world-wide fame as a composer of among mankind, the nation blues songs and other types of was choked up on a blue note

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NEW YORK

## Taps For William Christopher Handy

When death chilled the brave heart of William Christopher Handy at the ripe age of 84, it in nowise intercepted the trend toward modern music and the tone that gave music another vent, which he was able to stabilize.

Known as the "Father of the Blues," the famed composer and bandmaster was felt in the age in which he lived, as one not content with the status quo into which music would not succumb to a sleeping sickness, through which the wild spiritual urge would be quenched.

Handy was a product of the deep South; having been born at Florence, Alabama, he organized his first quartet in Birmingham, a neighboring city of manufacturing importance. From this humble station, he sang his way to the Chicago Columbian Exposition.

Birmingham Ala.

He was bandmaster with Makara's Minstrels which toured the United States, Mexico and Cuba.

Probably his fame will rest upon his creation of the Saint Louis Blues, he will long be remembered as giving music another upswing; that reach that since has hurled it over into the radio and television stage, giving the world those famed characters from mountain music producers on down time to Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley.

History will accord him a place rich in its profuse of heralding to the world great personalities who at times of lag and inertia, gave it a shot in the arm.

As times marches on, it will pause on many an occasion to catch new life, new tones and messages from the ceaseless heart of William Christopher Handy.

## S.C. Leader Dies

Atlanta Alab.

In New York City

NEW YORK — The death of Rev. Alfred Isaacs, pastor of the Union Baptist Church here, deprives the NAACP of "one of our most outstanding co-workers in the fight for freedom." Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, said in a telegram of condolence addressed to the church's associate pastor, Rev. Oliver Brooks.

Mr. Isaacs a former leader of the NAACP in Orangeburg, S. C., died here on August 22 of a heart ailment. He was, Mr. Wilkins pointed out, "one of the Association's leaders in South Carolina who resisted successfully the economic boycott and reprisals of the White Citizen Councils against Negroes active in the fight for school integration.... His leadership at a time when the Negro in the South struggled against great adversity will long be remembered and appreciated by all

those with whom he was associated."

At his funeral on August 26, the NAACP was represented by Gloster B. Current, director of branches, who extolled the late clergyman as "a great preacher in the prophetic tradition of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Amos, concerned not only with the social, economic and spiritual welfare of his people, but willing to crusade and fight for the justice and the truth in which he firmly believed."

In New York, Mr. Isaacs continued his active work with the NAACP, serving on the executive committee of the Manhattan branch. He was a delegate to the Association's 49th annual convention in Cleveland last July. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Isaacs, his mother, Mrs. Connissa Isaacs, and two sisters.



**Happy Notes—** The late W. C. Handy had a rich life during his later years. The composer is shown here in three characteristic poses. Left to right: Handy sounds off on his trumpet for

"Sugar Chile" Robinson, child prodigy of the forties. Ethel Waters, one of the many stars of the rialto who rocketed to fame on the "blues," bestows a kiss upon the Handy brow. And, at right, Mr. Handy is shown with his wife.

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funeral services were held the same day.

But there was more to the saga of W. C. Handy than the "St. Louis Blues," for he represented a by-gone era when huge side-wheeling packets paddled their way up and down the vast Mississippi River system.

*Sat 4-5-58*  
Said Handy shortly before his death, "We were playing that style in 1909 and it floated down the river to New Orleans . . . This set in motion a whole new music. It was not set in motion by illiteracy . . . The river and the city were both important to jazz."

*AMONG THE* selections composed by Mr. Handy were "Mr. Crump" (Memphis Blues) in 1909, "Jogo Blues" in 1913, "Yellow Dog" and "St. Louis Blues" in 1914, and "The Livery Stable Blues" in 1917.

Mr. Handy was of Alabama stock. He was born in Florence on Nov. 16, 1873. Of his early days he often remarked,

"In the days when I had to sleep on the levees and cobblestones, I heard the roustabouts singing on the steamboats and it hung in my ears. I got it from the Negro and put it on a silver platter and handed it back to him just a little more beautiful."

Handy's first published song was "The Cotton Fields of Dixie." This was followed by "The Beale Street Blues" and "Aunt Hagar's Blues." The sum total of this

*Gifted writer's genius amounted to approximately 60 known works.*

# Taps Sounded For Daddy of the Blues

*of Pittsburgh Pa.*  
NEW YORK—Perhaps no single American has ever made as profound a contribution to American culture as did the late William Christopher Handy, who died here Friday at the age of 84.

Mr. Handy, who penned the classic "St. Louis Blues," is responsible to a great extent for the never ending popularity of the blues, which are sung all over the world, and known to men of all hues and all ethnic backgrounds.

"St. Louis Blues" was not Mr. Handy's best work. In fact, he often told associates that his favorite composition was the "Memphis Blues."

However, the "St. Louis Blues" speaks of a scheming woman with diamond rings who is quite successful at leading men around by her apron strings. This in itself is an exciting theme which never fails to enthrall the listener be-

cause it expresses the desires of many women and just as many men.

ANOTHER REASON for the success of the "St. Louis Blues" is that it sounds good in whatever vein it is played. If played slowly, it becomes dirge-like with moody colorings, and if played at double-tempo the song becomes

GAUDIALLY constructed, the giant boats at one time served as a major means of transportation until the development of trans-continental railroad systems. The big boats steamed up the Ohio to Pittsburgh, beat their way down the placid Missouri, braved the Kanawha and the Cheat, the

Monongahela, the Allegheny, the Arkansas.

*Editor's Note: The body of Mr. Handy was placed on view Saturday at the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Home, Madison Ave. and 81st St., where thousands paid their respects. Members of the family, including the widow, Mrs. Irma Louise Handy, viewed the body before the public was admitted. The body was moved on Wednesday of this week to the Abyssinian Baptist Church, where*

# Sheldon Hoskins, noted ballet master, buried

*Baltimore, Md.*  
NEW YORK—Funeral services were held here Sunday for Sheldon B. Hoskins, well-known ballet master and teacher of the modern dance.

Death followed a series of brain operations, its direct cause being attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been hospitalized for 18 months prior to being Sheldon Hoskins

*Artists* in the entertainment world turned out to attend funeral services for Mr. Hoskins which were held on Sunday at the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Manhattan, with the Rev. Clemonce Sa

bourin, officiating. Burial was Monday morning at a family lot in Philadelphia.

Meredith Birche, Baltimore teacher, and director of the Boys' Choir played the organ for the solo sung by Mrs. Alice Crawford — 'Going Home,' by Dvorak.

AMONG FORMER Baltimore associates at the funeral was Mrs. Fred Crawford, onetime recreation worker now a teacher of Little Tots in Manhattan.

Other Baltimoreans in attendance were Richard Richardson and George T. Bruce.

A NATIVE of Philadelphia, Mr. Hoskins had been living in this city the past twelve years.

At the time of his death, he was director of the Penthouse Theatre, which he founded. He was also serving as a teacher of dancing and rhythms at the School On The Hill, a leading private institution for the development of embryo artists.

PRIOR TO leaving Baltimore, he served as an instructor with the Department of Public Recreation there. He accepted the post with the understanding that he would remain only so long as it took to set up a suitable program for the colored youth of the city.

So well did he fit into the work, and so fascinated did he become with it, that Mr. Hos-

kins remained for 12 years, with headquarters in the Dunbar High School Community Center.

IT WAS while he was in Baltimore that he was sought out by impresario Billy Rose, and signed to a part in one of the first productions of "Carmen Jones."

He took over as dance director of the production when Eugene Loring withdrew from the job.

Aside from this Broadway appearance, Mr. Hoskins was a featured member of tours by the famed Morris Gest Dancers.

Mr. Hoskins was a graduate of the Philadelphia school system. He also graduated from Morgan State College and studied at Columbia, NYU and Temple Universities.

Mr. Hoskins also studied at the University of Madrid on a Sadler Wells scholarship under LaQuica, world authority on Flamenco rhythms and teacher of Jose Greco.

**Head of State A.F.L.  
Dies at Job Parley**

*Special to The New York Times.*

ALBANY, May 2 — Thomas A. Murray, president of the State Federation of Labor, collapsed in the Assembly chamber today five minutes after having addressed a conference on un-

employment. He died minutes later in an adjoining office.

The 73-year-old labor leader had just completed a brief but pungent attack on the economic policies of the Eisenhower Administration. He was the third speaker at the state-wide meeting called by Governor Harriman.

When the new speaker was midway in his remarks, Mr. Murray fell back in his chair. He was carried into the Speaker's office, where a physician pronounced him dead of a heart attack. A Roman Catholic priest administered the last rights of the Church.

A few minutes later, word of Mr. Murray's death reached Governor Harriman in the chamber. He immediately adjourned the conference out of

respect, he said, for "a man who played a great part in developing union activities in the state, a great part in developing industry, one who had the respect and admiration of all in this room."

The 250 representatives of business and labor gathered in the chamber stood for a moment of silence before adjourning.

Later the Governor issued a statement, saying:

"Tom Murray lived as he died, striving to better the lives of the working men and women of our state. All of us who knew him in government, labor, business and community affairs, mourn the passing of a true friend and a great New Yorker."

Speaker Oswald D. Heck of the Assembly said that Mr. Murray "will always be remembered for his progressive and constructive leadership in the labor movement in New York State."

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**In Office for 15 Years**

Thomas A. Murray had served as president of the State Federation of Labor for fifteen consecutive years. His current term was to have expired this summer.

No date had been set for an election because of the belief that a merger of the state organizations of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations would make one unnecessary.

Mr. Murray had been scheduled to head the new state labor body, whose formation is now in the hands of merger committees of both central organizations. His death immediately raised questions about a successor and the possible effect on merger plans.

The next in rank in the A. F. L. state body is Harold C. Hanover, secretary-treasurer. But some labor sources in- clined to the belief that Harry Van Arsdale Jr., president of the Central Trades and Labor Council, an A. F. L. group in New York City, would be chosen to succeed Mr. Murray.

**Regarded as Moderate**

Mr. Van Arsdale, who is also business manager of Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, was elected head of the Council last November. He, like Mr. Murray, is regarded as a moderate who favors cooperation between the central labor groups.

Some labor leaders expressed concern today over the possi-

bility that Mr. Murray's death might further delay the state merger.

When the American Federa-

nationally in December, 1955, pointed to fill the unexpired term that summer, and had followed within two years. This has not worked out smoothly in all areas, including New York.

Mr. Murray had served in numerous appointive civic offices.

He was known for his ability to conciliate differing views in the labor field.

A short, soft-spoken man, he

had been a member of the

State Insurance Board, the

State Liquor Authority, the Re-

gional War Manpower Commis-

sion, the State War Council, the

Bronx County Draft Appeals

Board, the New York City Ad-

visory Committee on Labor

Problems and the Construction

Committee of the New York

World's Fair.

Mr. Murray's wife, the for-

mer Elizabeth Jane O'Keefe,

died in 1936. He is survived by

a son, John Murray, and three

daughters, Mrs. Alice Davies,

Mrs. Harold Anderson and Mrs.

Edward Hickey.

He had lived with Mrs.

Hickey on Harmony Lane,

Hartsdale, N. Y.

Funeral services will be held

at 10:15 A. M. Tuesday at the

Whalen Funeral Home, 168

Park Avenue, Yonkers.

**Death takes**

*African American*

**Dr. Isaac**

*By LOUIS E. LOMAX*

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**Thomas A. Murray**

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bedside when he died.

In St. Louis, a veteran disc jockey, Bill Wells, a friend and admirer of Handy, gave him an apt eulogy. When Wells learned Handy was dead, he devoted the last two hours of his all-night radio show to 40 different renditions of the "St. Louis Blues."

Handy had hoped to fly to St. Louis April 7 for the premiere of a movie based on his life and title "St. Louis Blues."

Other classics among some 60 blues melodies Handy turned out during his lifetime included "Memphis Blues," and "Beale Street Blues," the latter named for the famous Negro street in Memphis.

His first blues song was "Memphis Blues," and Handy sold the rights to it for \$100. But he did better on others, and "St. Louis Blues" made him wealthy and reportedly still brought him about \$25,000 a year in royalties.

Handy was born William Christopher Handy in Florence, Ala., Nov. 16, 1873. But he was known only by the initials.

He was the son and grandson of Methodist preachers. His father wanted to have him enter the ministry. But music was in the boy's soul.

Handy compromised by studying to become a teacher. But he got sidetracked and worked for a time in a steel mill. Later, he became a voice and music teacher at a Negro college in Alabama.

## MEMPHIANS EULOGIZE DEPARTED SON HANDY

Father Of The Blues Called 'Great Example' During Beale Street Rites

(Additional Story On Page 2)

Mourning Memphians joined at the Beale Street Baptist Church yesterday for an hour-long tribute to a departed son, W. C. Handy, Father of the Blues.

They included Mayor Edmund Orgill, who spoke to an overflow audience of several hundred.

### "Set Great Example"

"Prof. Handy was a great man. He had a great career. He set for us and our young people

a great example," the Mayor said.

Spectators, many of whom had once pranced lively to the strains of such Handy tunes as "Memphis Blues," "St. Louis Blues" and "Beale Street Blues," listened quietly as attorney Lee Winchester Sr. said:

"He was a good man. To be born human, to live greatly, to die nobly is the richest heritage one can bequeath to those who come after."

The audience, ~~stirred~~ ~~and~~ ~~excited~~, arose without instruction as the East Trigg Avenue Negro Baptist Church sang one of the composer's own hymns.

"No more, no more," the choir sang, "I'll never turn back no more."

Then came a eulogy from George W. Lee, Negro insurance man and close friend of the blind song writer.

"I hate to see that evening sun go down," said Lee, quoting a famous line from Prof. Handy's best known song, "St. Louis Blues."

### "Like Old Man River"

"That evening sun has gone down, for the last time," he said. "But like Old Man River, the melodies will keep on tinklin' along."

The composer's life is linked by musical history to Beale Street, Market Street in St. Louis and New York's Broadway, the insurance man said, but it was from Memphis' Beale Street that the legend of Handy began.

"Handy lived Beale Street," he said. "To him there was humor, drama and pathos in this crooked little street."

"He told me, 'I'd rather be there than anyplace I know.'"

The musical portion of the program ended with the Pendleton Presbyterian Church Choir (white) singing another Handy hymn, "They That Sow in Tears Shall Reap in Joy."

A prayer led by Rev. H. C. Nabrit, pastor of First Baptist Church on Lauderdale, completed the service.

## Handy Eulogized By Sen. Ives, Republican Solon

WASHINGTON, D. C. - (NNPA) Senator Irving M. Ives, Republican of New York, Monday eulogized the late William C. Handy, composer of the "St. Louis Blues" and other

blues songs hits on the Senate floor.

Senator Ives told the Senate that Mr. Handy "was the son of emancipated slave, born in a log cabin in Alabama."

Continuing, he said of Mr. Handy: "He was often penniless, hungry and cold."

"But W. C. Handy rose to the heights. He brought a whole new dimension to American Music. He set the pattern for hundreds of popular tunes. Through him, his race made a rich contribution to the culture of America."

Senator Ives said Mr. Handy once remarked wryly that colored people "invented jazz, and the white folks made an industry out of it."

"Another remark better epitomizes his philosophy," Senator Ives said. "When he was in his eighties, and was talking one day with a group of school children, he patted his trumpet, and said:

"Life is something like this trumpet. If you don't put anything in it, you don't get anything out."

"W. C. Handy put a great deal into this life," Senator Ives added. "The world is richer for it. He rose from poverty to worldwide fame solely on the strength of his talent and determination. He was a great human being. Mr. Handy was a friend of mine. I mourn his passing."

## Handy Memorial To Be Set Up At Meeting With Orgill Today

White, Negro Civic Leaders To Talk To Mayor —  
Donations Will Be Used For Park Statue,  
Possibly To Provide Scholarship

A meeting of white and Negro civic leaders has been called by Mayor Edmund Orgill for 2 this afternoon to launch a campaign for a W. C. Handy memorial fund.

The contributions would go toward erection of a statue of the famous musician and composer who died last week and possibly to establish a scholarship fund for talented young musicians.

Donations would be accepted by The Commercial Appeal and each contributor listed. The Tri-State Bank will serve as trustee for the fund.

Handy Park, bordered by the Beale Street which was an inspiration to the man of music while he was a resident of Memphis, has been suggested as site for the statue.

### Calling Civic Leaders

"I am calling a meeting of a few civic leaders, both white and Negro, to discuss ways and means of setting up an organization to encourage gifts to the W. C. Handy Memorial Fund,"

Mayor Orgill said.

"The purpose of the fund is to erect a statue of Professor Handy, probably in W. C. Handy Park, and, if possible, in addition, to provide a scholarship fund for talented young musicians."

"All Memphis is proud of Professor Handy. To have a statue of him in Handy Park will serve as an inspiration particularly to young Negroes to make the most of their lives."

### Recognition Of Negroes

"It also will be a visible sign that we in the South recognize greatness in our Negro citizens."

The Mayor already has pledged \$100 to a Handy memorial fund, and Lt. George Lee, Negro insurance executive and longtime personal friend of Professor Handy, has pledged \$50.

## Handy Funeral Attracts Huge Throngs at Harlem

NEW YORK, April 2 (P) — Harlem bade farewell today to W. C. Handy, who fathered the blues that are its eternal torch song. Police estimated that 150,000 persons watched his funeral cortege pass.

A 40-piece band preceded the funeral motorcade through Harlem streets, crowded but silent

of all save the music. At Seventh Avenue and 132nd street, the ceremony ended with the band playing Handy's own immortal composition: "St. Louis Blues."

"His personal blues are now finished," said the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., congressman and minister, in church services for the 84-year-old blind composer.

Handy was a Negro who drew on the folk songs of his race to fashion the syncopated blues tempo that is peculiarly American.

President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon sent messages of condolence. So did New York's Gov. Averell Harriman.

Mayor Edmund Orgill of Memphis, Tenn., offered that city's W. C. Handy Park as a site for the composer's grave.

## Alabama Negro Sculptor Makes W.C. Handy Mask

NEW YORK (AP) — A death mask of W. C. Handy, 84-year-old blind composer of the "St. Louis Blues" who died Friday, was made by an Alabama sculptor tonight.

Isaac S. Hathaway, sculptor and curator of the Department of Ceramics at Alabama State College in Montgomery, made the mask for the school's collection of masks of eminent Negro personalities.

More than 500 mourners Sunday visited a funeral parlor where Handy's body is on view. Monday the body will be moved to a Harlem Masonic temple, where a special service will be held Tuesday night.

Final rites will be held Wednesday in Harlem's huge Abyssinian Baptist Church and he will be buried in a Bronx cemetery.

Among those paying final tribute to the composer Sunday was State Supreme Court Justice Harold Stevens. Floral pieces included one from Nat (King) Cole, star of a film biography of Handy.

## 'Evening Sun Goes Down' For Handy, Father Of 'Blues'

Death Stills Golden Horn Of Southern Negro Whose Pre-Jazz Rhythm Changed Nation's Dance Steps And Brought Him World-Wide Renown

"That evenin' sun went down" yesterday for W. C. Handy, the Daddy of the Blues, and the famed golden trumpet with which he had poured out the sad, sweet music of the Southern Negro's joy and sorrows, was silenced forever.

Handy died at 3:30 a.m. in New York at Sydenham Hospital where he was taken Sunday from his home in Yonkers, a New York suburb. He was stricken there with pneumonia and later lapsed into a coma from uremia. He rallied three days after he was admitted, then took a sudden turn for the worse.

He was 84 years old, the son of a couple who worked as slaves on an Alabama plantation before the Civil War.

At his bedside when he died were his wife, Mrs. Irma Louise Logan Handy whom he married when he was 80; two sons, William Handy Jr. and Wyer Handy; a brother, Charles Handy; a daughter, Mrs. Catherine Lewis, and a grandson, William Handy III. His first wife, Elizabeth, died in 1937.

### Burial In New York

Mayor Edmund Orgill sent his widow a telegram yesterday extending Memphis' sympathy and suggesting that Handy Park be considered "as your husband's final resting place."

"W. C. Handy is beloved by our citizens, particularly those of my own generation who listened and danced to the music he furnished in person," Mayor Orgill said. "I respectfully and sincerely suggest that you consider letting this park be your husband's final resting place."

Mrs. Handy replied, however, that arrangements had already been made to bury Handy in the lot at Yonkers' Woodlawn Cemetery, where his first wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Price Handy, and two daughters are interred.

"It was a nice idea, though, and I wish to express my thanks to Mayor Orgill for being so thoughtful," Mrs. Handy said.

### Health, Eyes Grew Weak

Death found the famed maestro of the indigo notes a feeble, half-blind old man, for several years ago his health and his eyesight

had weakened almost simultaneously.

Renowned as the composer of "The Memphis Blues," "The St. Louis Blues," and a score of other like songs, Professor Handy commanded a 26-line biography in "Who's Who In America" and was recognized by the erudite "Encyclopedia Britannica" as the originator of that plaintive, haunting type of melody that he began on Beale Street and which days later, tired and weary after

dance orchestras now wail all over the world.

Before he became ill, he had hoped to fly to St. Louis April 7 for the premier of a movie based on his life and named "St. Louis Blues."

"Mistah Crump, Mistah Crump don't 'low no easy riders here"

"If you don't want my peaches, honey don't you shake my tree" . . . "St. Louis woman with her diamond rings, leads that man 'round by her apron strings" . . . the songs he wrote reflected the Negro's joy and sorrows as clearly as a mirror.

### Blues From Broken Hearts

"The Blues did not come from books, but from broken hearts," Professor Handy once said. "They are the story of our people, who have always found consolation in music. The Negro sings one song when he is happy, another when he is sad, but he always sings. Song is his music, poetry, painting and religion, all rolled up into one."

The late George Gershwin once said that his "Rhapsody In Blue" and other classics-in-jazz never could have been written if it were not for the foundation that Handy laid with his wailing, halting, jerky type of syncopation

with its frequent sharp breaks and pauses.

Handy was born William Christopher Handy on Nov. 16, 1873, at Florence, Ala. His father and grandfather were Methodist ministers, and plans were made to have the boy carry on the family tradition.

The plans went awry when Handy showed a preference for visits to the river where he could sit and listen to the robust and sad rivermen chant their mournful songs as they sweated at their jobs. Soon the listener became a pupil; then a fellow singer.

### Cornet Medium Of Expression

He listened at that early age the money-making traits of later years and began to sing for hire at socials and entertainments.

With this money he purchased a battered and wheezy old cornet.

That horn became his medium of expression. With it he could say the things in his heart.

Handy wanted to play his cornet. But that was wrong: The world knew the husky black boy was good for nothing but labor. Florence must be the trouble, Handy thought. He headed for Birmingham and arrived several days later, tired and weary after

a long walk the last day.

Birmingham presented the same problem. Use those back muscles and earn your money—stop that singing and cornet playing. Handy thought his critics were right and he took a job at a pipe works. That lasted until a depression cost him his job. He turned to saloon singing.

That was the kind of work the man, still under 21, loved. Singing and playing on his horn, that was his dish. The first Chicago Fair drew Handy and his quartet. They arrived in the big city after a dirty hectic trip via freights. But still no place for Southern Negro and his music.

### Toured In Minstrel Troupe

Then back to St. Louis. Then over to Evansville, Ind., where he got a job as a bricklayer. That work wasn't for the music-loving Negro, though.

The back-breaking toil may not have been to his liking, but the close association with the other workmen and sound of their "worry songs," were laying the framework for his future "blues" and jazz.

That framework was strengthened at Henderson, Ky., where he played by night in a Negro band and listened by day to

lonely wails of stevedores and roustabouts as they labored aboard boats and in warehouses.

When he was 23 and still restless he joined a Negro minstrel troupe and toured the South. He later said that on that tour he learned the kind of music America had been unconsciously waiting for. When he blew silver notes from his cornet in his short, snappy style the galleries went wild.

They listened patiently to everything that Handy the master soloist played. Whether it was a ballad or from Beethoven. They loved every single wavering note. The rhythm was new and the intelligentsia ate it up. Folks in the upper seats swayed and stomped in time with the strange rhythm, trying to catch the foreign measures of the music.

Still Handy didn't catch on with front-row audiences. He couldn't understand. His restless nature caught up with him again and he went to Mexico, Cuba and Canada and back to Huntsville, Ala., where he settled down for three years as music instructor at the A. & M. College.

### Beale Street In Hey-Day

Clarksdale, Miss., was the next stop on his rambling itinerary and there Handy organized a nine-piece Negro orchestra. Playing the usual sad music was all right for some people, but not for Handy. One night he rebelled and blasted out with his own style. The dancers liked it.

Handy made up his mind to write music and he came to Memphis where his tunes' own peculiar style did not hold back their popularity. He was kept busy filling engagements at local clubs and weddings, in addition to his regular nights at the old Alaskan Roof Garden atop the Falls Building.

Beale Street was in its heyday then. Beale Street with its "sweet-houses," a-killin'-a-day record, premature zoot suits, and other ancient relics of the original Beale Street—long before the City Commission tagged it an avenue, then reversed itself.

The story behind "The Memphis Blues," has been told and retold thousands of times until now the warped version has Handy penning words to the effect that "Mr. Crump don't 'low no easy riders here," and so on until it was the words that

elected the late E. H. Crump to office in 1909.

Mr. Crump's version of the "Crump don't 'low" . . . words is thus: During the 1909 campaign Handy for the first time played the tune which later became "The Memphis Blues." The words were supplied after the election, when Mr. Crump had been installed in office.

But regardless of the true story—maybe the twisted version has more glamor and will live the longest—Handy later confessed that he also played the same tune for an opposing candidate, Walter W. Talbert, and received a check in payment. The tune caught on with Memphis, but still Handy wasn't "made."

Through some quirk Handy got the impression that "The Memphis Blues," first of all blues songs to be published, was not going to be popular and he sold his rights to the late Theron C. Bennett for \$100. Mr. Bennett made so much out of Handy's song that he was able to open stores in Denver, St. Louis, Omaha, Chicago and New York. He lost his fortune in the depression, however.

Not until several years ago did Handy get the copyright to that song, but it still made him big royalties.

The immortal "St. Louis Blues" was the next song to come out of his head. It first was called "Jopo Blues," and

### Columnist Recalls Visit With Handy

In his Greenhouse column on the editorial page today, Paul Flowers tells of W. C. Handy's latter years and his turn from blues to sacred music.

The columnist also recalls a January day eight years ago when Handy, then in his 70s, and blind, went with the Memphis newsman to the observation tower of the Empire State Building in New York and with his cane pointed out familiar landmarks whose places he knew from memory.

was also an instrumental number originally. His other musicians couldn't get the swing. He revised the work, wrote a lyric to one of its simpler themes.

**Longed For Memphis**  
In a rented room on Beale Street he let his sad soul give

way to "I hate to see dat evenin' sun go down," and he had it. But what to do with it? He named it "St. Louis Blues," after Russell Gardner Sr., a former Memphian who moved to St. Louis, retained the copyright and the rest was easy.

The song was an instantaneous

success and few have been the songs in musical history that have reached such great heights of popularity and then held those heights for so many years.

In 1912 Handy took his orchestra to Atlanta to play for a white folks' dance. Students from the University of North Carolina heard his music; offered him a substantial sum to come there and play for a school dance. His orchestra members balked because they were homesick for Beale Street and Handy struck out alone.

Handy never again lived close to Beale Street or within sight of the Mississippi.

New York became his home, and although he often intimated that he preferred "Northern" treatment, he longed for Memphis and the South.

He became a partner in the Handy Brothers Music Co., Inc., and during the next several years he published scores of songs. His creative ability wasn't allowed to stagnate, either, and he penned and published "Beale Street Blues," "Joe Turner Blues," "Yellow Dog Blues," "Ole Miss Blues," "Harlem Blues," and later a few patriotic tunes.

None of the later melodies approached the original "Blues" in popularity.

#### Forerunner To Jazz

Music critics have given Handy credit for first putting jazz to paper. One critic in a Boston paper said that Handy "fixed the quality of the various breaks, as the filled-in pauses were named. With a succession of 'blues' he fixed the genre that Paul Whiteman later used in his vagabond polyphony of jazz."

Jitterbugs can also trace their antics to the brain of Handy. He described "swing" as nothing new, "being merely our oldtime Negro rhythm gone crazy." His jazz had more rhythm and less noise.

New York may have been his twilight home, but he couldn't get away from the South and its memories. As long ago as 1931 Handy said while on a visit here, that he guessed it would be his last trip to the Old South. But it wasn't.

Memphis pleased the old fellow when they named a park



DEATH STILLS HORN—The plaintive, haunting notes that flowed from W. C. Handy's golden trumpet were heard by thousands at annual Blues Bowl football games in Memphis. In this picture, taken

in 1951, Jana Cox, Blues Bowl Queen and Maurice Hulbert Sr., Blues Bowl King, pretend to hear sour notes issuing from the famous horn.

—Staff Photo

after him. It wasn't such a magnanimous gesture, for the park was laid out on the site of an old market between Third and Hernando. The market had little intrinsic historic value but to the Negroes who had milled around it for years the spot was the ideal tribute to their "Handy."

#### Park Named For Him

Handy was on hand for dedication of the park, then designated as Beale Street Square. With him was his torrid cornet and 10,000 persons jammed the area to hear him "give." And give he did. After the ceremony a move was launched to name the park for Handy.

In 1936 Handy returned with his wife, daughter and son, to lead the Cotton Makers Fiesta. In 1941 he came back for the world premiere of Paramount's "Birth of the Blues." Two years before that he brought to Memphis the gold horn he had played for the 400 in Carnegie Hall. That occasion was the dedication of the Blues Bowl at Booker T. Washington Stadium.

A few years ago Handy turned author and published his autobiography, "Father of the

Blues." It was the story of a man who overcame big and small obstacles to become one of the idols of his race. The book contained the story of a Negro and his attitudes.

Early in the second World War Handy came back for another time. His efforts were largely responsible for the huge sum of money raised by the Negro Division, War Finance Committee of Memphis.

In recent years he often returned to Memphis in the fall to appear at the "Blues Bowl" football game staged by the Beale Street Elks for Christmas charity.

Handy lived in a \$50,000 English Tudor home in Yonkers. The city recently changed the name of the street in front of the house to W. C. Handy Place. Until his illness, Handy had remained active in the operation of the Handy Brothers Music Co. which he founded in New York City in 1918.

Services will be at 11 Wednesday morning at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York

City. The body will remain at the Frank E. Campbell Funeral

## Monument To Handy

Mayor ORGILL has announced creation of a fund to erect an appropriate monument to the memory of famed Negro composer W. C. HANDY.

Money remaining after the monument is in place will be used to establish a musical scholarship.

This is a worthy undertaking which THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL endorses most heartily with a hope that response will be immediate and generous. As is announced in a story on Page One of this edition, THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL will consider it a privilege to receive and acknowledge all contributions.

W. C. HANDY exemplified the best in Americanism. His start in life was humble, but he used his God-given talents in such manner as to give pleasure to untold millions and by so doing to acquire fame and fortune for himself.

Success left him unchanged. Temporary adversity and even blindness did not defeat him. He was the same gentle friend to which he died as he was when he left Memphis.

This we say without fear of valid contradiction—no white or Negro citizen of Memphis has been more esteemed. Mayor ORGILL has thoughtfully pointed a way for Memphis to honor this man who brought naught but good to this city's name. By honoring W. C. HANDY Memphis will honor itself.

## He Remembers 'Band' At Old Overton Park Pavilion

To The Commercial Appeal:

W. C. Handy has left us, but memories of his activities in Memphis in the early 1900s linger on. Many of us who were boys then remember "Handy's Band" that played for our dances at the old Overton Park Pavilion that stood opposite the site of the Dough Boy statue as well as other places.

The band included Handy and his trumpet, his wife, the pianist and several other musicians. The fee, prorated among the boys, was most moderate.

Handy's personality and genial manner endeared him to the youth of that day. I am sure many join me in honoring his memory. In the hearts of many Memphians the plaintive tones of W. C. Handy's golden trumpet will echo through the coming years.

FRED W. LUCAS  
1124 Cotton Exchange Bldg.

## W. C. Handy

Although the late "Jelly Roll" Morton called him an impostor and implied more, to the American people generally W. C. Handy was really the father of the blues. Morton's claim to be its parent may have validity, but people today who never heard of him know at least little something about Handy.

The famous Negro cornetist and composer died this week. He was 84 and he had had a very full life spanning a period in the United States—and indeed in the world—which saw jazz music come to ever newer zeniths of acceptance, a period in which jazz, for example, could be recognized by such an important composer and conductor as Leonard Bernstein.

Handy was, of course, best known for "The St. Louis Blues." But "Beale Street

meant, and it lies in the fact that the blues are sung by people who are inherently happy, at peace with the reality of life, even if they are saddened by losses, partings or whatnot.

Handy achieved triumph. The country as a whole came to understand that he was a rare character on the face of America. He was given due honors for his contributions to what is, perhaps erroneously, called "folk" music.

But now W. C. Handy is gone. He came out of Alabama, we are proud to say—Florence is his birthplace—and he carried a message of mournful rhythms across the whole world. When jazzman Louis Armstrong was making his European tours, foreign audiences squealed and screamed their applause loudest when the trumpet's gold moon carried those ever-haunting Handy strains which support the lowdown lyrics of "I hate to see . . . That evenin' sun go down. . . ."

Can't you smell that muddy Mississippi?



Handy—Blues' Father

Blues," "The Memphis Blues," "Yellow Dog Blues" and a lot of others were included in his contributions, and they all went to make up his reputation. They displayed his broad capacity for utilizing blues themes, and demonstrated variety though naturally all blues has a common theme.

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Bernstein, in commenting on blues, maintained once that it was not inherently unhappy or sad. With this we are not sure we would agree, for to us there has always seemed to be at least a strain of trouble running through blues phrasing, and the laments of singers of the blues could hardly be called gay. But we think we know what Bernstein

The deceased was a music teacher at Alabama A. and M. College, Normal, Ala., 1900-02; founder of Pace and Handy Music Co., 1913-21, and president of Handy Bros. Music Co., Inc., 1949, the company which has representatives around the world.

Publisher Handy was a member of the American Society of Composers Authors and Publishers and Song Writters' Protective Association, the former from which he received lucrative returns from his "Blues" compositions. Among his latter day charities was the W. C. Handy Foundation for the Blind, Inc., which works for the betterment of conditions affecting the blind throughout the nation.

Mr. Handy, will be buried next Wednesday, five days before the St. Louis premiere of the movie story of his life.

Handy's body will be on view in Campbell's Funeral Parlor (81st St. and Madison Ave.) on Saturday and Sunday, his family said.

The body will then lie in state in the Prince Hall of the Masonic Temple (454 W. 155th St.), where services will be conducted Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

Another religious service was scheduled for Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Abyssinian Baptist Church to be followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Streets, and theatres were named

# Famed Composer Was 84 At His Passing

Atlanta Ga.

Sat. 3-28-58

NEW YORK—(SNS)—William Christopher Handy, 84, whose "St. Louis Blues" carried him to international fame, passed in New York City early Friday following a lingering illness. Called the "Father of the Blues," now being readied for release from Hollywood. He had been blind for years.

Handy was a native of Florence, Ala., organized a quartet in Birmingham in 1893 and sang his way to 60 hymns, marches and blues songs. the Chicago Columbia Exposition. Born at Florence, Ala., Nov. 16, 1873, the soft-spoken, gentle man Mahara's Minstrels which toured of dignified bearing, Handy became the U. S. A., Canada, Mexico and famous when he wrote "Memphis Blues," written in 1909 and the St. Louis Blues, written in 1914. However, Handy authored numerous compositions, sacred and secular.

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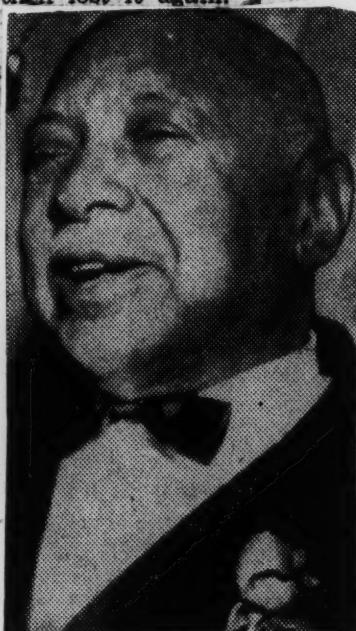
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(Handy landed in Henderson, Ky., when he was 19 and there had his "change from a hobo . . . to a professional musician." He lived there 10 years, and his first wife was a Henderson girl, Elizabeth Price, whom he married in 1898. She died in 1937.

Fifty years after Handy left Henderson in 1903, he was back in Henderson for "W. C. Handy Day" and to help raise money for a Negro swimming pool.)



Associated Press Wirephoto

W. C. HANDY

*Carrier Journal*  
**W. C. Handy,**  
**The Inventor**  
**Of Blues, Dies**

*Louisville Ky.*  
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He was the son and grandson of Methodist preachers. His father wanted to have him enter the ministry. But music was in the boy's soul.

Handy compromised by studying to become a teacher. But he got sidetracked and worked for a time in a steel mill. Later, he be-

came a voice and music teacher at a Negro college in Alabama. He had served as bandmaster of a minstrel troupe. In 1903 Handy quit the teaching profession to become a band and orchestra leader.

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## BECAME PUBLISHER

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In 1941, his autobiography was published under the title, "Father of the Blues."

Handy had six children by his first wife, Elizabeth, who died in 1937. Four of the children are still living. On Jan. 1, 1954, at the age of 80, he married his long-time secretary, Irma Louise Logan.

## Handy's Music Tells U.S. Mood

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst

Sometimes they danced, sometimes they shouted, sometimes they sat and hugged themselves and shuffled their feet.

And sometimes they listened as though to Beethoven, to the liquid notes trickling off to the farthest corners of the hall.

W. C. Handy, with his neat business suit and conservative mustache, his shining high forehead, looked like a doctor. And when he blew that golden trumpet he doc-tored many a heart.

They called him Mr. Blues. They called him Mr. Beale Street, Mr. Memphis and Mr. St. Louis. In New York he walked with the composers of "Margie," "When Your Hair Has Turned to Silver," "For Me and My Gal," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," with Sigmund Romberg and Paul White-man.

In Hollywood's famous bowl at one jamboree 15 bands played 18 different versions of the "St. Louis Blues," and when he died a St. Louis disc jockey played 40 versions for two solid hours.

They said he was a Southern Negro, and that he interpreted the music of his people. But he made it an American mood.

**Justice Clarence Wilson Is Dead**  
James New York  
Served Domestic Relations Court  
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Justice Clarence Wilson of the Court of Domestic Relations died yesterday of a heart attack at the Prospect Heights Hospital, Brooklyn. He was 60 years old.

Justice Wilson was a man of long experience in public service and the law. He was a delegate to the Democratic State Convention in 1938, an alternate to the Democratic Judicial Convention in 1939, a United States Attorney and a city magistrate. During his youth in the British West Indies, Justice Wilson wanted to become a physician. He emigrated to Brooklyn and took a job as part-time elevator operator in an apartment house. There he received advice from the late Dean Richardson of the Brooklyn Law School dissuading him from this career.

It was the dean's counsel that shaped the course of his life, Mr. Wilson felt. He began studies at the school and was admitted to the bar in 1928.

Mr. Wilson became an Assistant District Attorney for Kings County, with assignments to Brooklyn Felony Court. Then he went to the Court of Special Sessions, and on to trial work in Kings County Court.

As an Assistant District Attorney, Mr. Wilson, a Negro, said his creed was that "Justice has no color line." He said that justice had to be impartial and that he could not therefore afford a "militant" member of his race.

"Serve both races, the Negroes and whites interchangeably," he said, "and eventually the differences will melt away."

Mr. Wilson was appointed to the Domestic Relations bench in 1953, and was active in that capacity until mid-March. He lived at 97 hauncey Street, Brooklyn.

His first wife, Estella Nathan Wilson, died in 1956. In May, 1957, Justice Wilson married Julia Phillips Blair of Brooklyn, who survives, as do two sisters and two brothers.



The New York Times

Justice Clarence Wilson

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## R. B. Dean: *News Observer* Funeral Set at Maxton

MAXTON — Funeral services for R. B. Dean, principal of the Robeson County Training School here for 31 years and a leading Negro educator in the State, will be held Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the R. B. Dean Gymatorium.

The Rev. H. E. Edwards, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, will officiate. Full Masonic honors will be accorded at the graveside.

The Robeson County Training School, where he came as principal in 1922, has grown from a one-building frame structure with six teachers to four brick buildings, an acre of playground, 31 teachers, and its name was recently changed to the R. B. Dean School in his honor.

Other distinctions accorded to him include: president of Robeson County Teacher's Association, first president of Robeson County School Master's Club, member of executive committee, Southeastern District Teacher's Association. He has received honor plaques from the N. F. A. organization; from his school for a decade of progress; a Masonic plaque for outstanding service in field of education and an oil portrait, presented by a business firm in Maxton, to be hung in the hall of the school.

He had served as chairman of the board of deacons of Shiloh Baptist Church and church treasurer, superintendent of Sunday school for more than 20 years, member of the executive board of Pee Dee School Convention and prominent in the State work of the Baptist church.

A native of Greenwood County, S. C., he was the son of James R. and Mary M. Dean. He was educated at South Carolina State Orangeburn, S. C., and A&T College, Greensboro, where he graduated with B.S. degree and later did post-graduate work.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Gray Dean; five sons, Robert B. Dean Jr. and John E. Dean, Maxton, James B. Dean, Washington, D. C., Lt. Frank Dean, Ft. Benning, Ga., Jerry Dean, Philadelphia, Pa.; three daughters, Mrs. Rosa D. Malloy and Patricia Dean, Maxton; Gladys M. Dean, Nashville, Tenn.; five brothers, George W. and Tillman B. Dean, New York City, Grover C. Dean, Greensboro, T.



R. B. DEAN

## Rites Held For

### J. O. Plummer

*Obituary P. 2*

RALEIGH — Funeral services for Dr. John Owen Plummer, Sr., well-known physician and specialist, were conducted Sunday, July 6, at the St. Ambrose Episcopal

church with the Revs. Samuel D.

Rudder and F. J. Hunter officiating.

Interment followed at Mount

Hope cemetery.

Dr. Plummer died at Lincoln hospital, Durham, after he had suffered a heart attack on June 29.

He was born in Warrenton, N. C. May 19, 1880, and received his early training in the public schools there. Dr. Plummer was graduated from A & T college, Greensboro, N. C., and the Leonard Medical school of Shaw university, Raleigh, in 1904.

He served as otologist, laryngologist, rhinologist and ophthalmologist.

## NORTH CAROLINA

ologist at Lincoln hospital, Durham, N. C. and was on the visiting staff of St. Agnes hospital, Raleigh, at the time of his death.

He was physician for St. Augustine's college, Raleigh, 1905-1926; physician and specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, 1904 until his death; president of the North Carolina Medical Association, 1915; president of the National Medical Association, 1923-24; member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; Supt., St. Ambrose Episcopal church Sunday school, 1925; graduate manager of the Physical Training Dept., Shaw university, 1923-26.

Dr. Plummer is listed in Who's Who in America. He accepted the chair of anatomy at Leonard Medical School, Shaw university in 1910 and held this position until 1919. The United States Veteran hospital at Tuskegee, Ala., one of the biggest problems in the history of the National Medical Association, was built during Dr. Plummer's administration as president.

Surviving Dr. Plummer are: his wife, Mrs. Clementine K. Plummer; two daughters, Mrs. Marie P. Orsto, Petersburg, Va.; Mrs. Owen P. Cook, Durham, N. C.; and one son, John Owen Plummer, Jr., Washington, D. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Beulah Fitts of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Courtney Fitts, Wilson, N. C.; and one brother, Baker Plummer, Warrenton, N. C.

## Negro Church Leader Dies

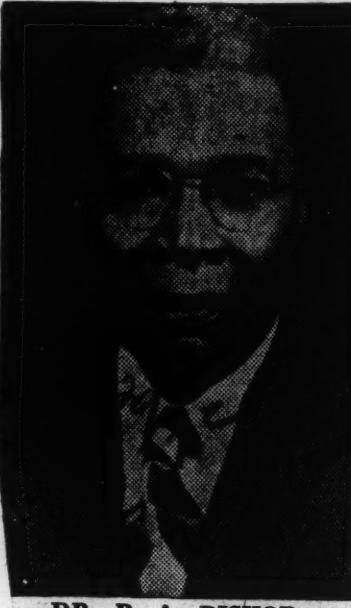
RICH SQUARE — Dr. P. A. Bishop, 60, of Rich Square, died at his home Friday night.

Dr. Bishop was president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rich Square, as well as a number of rural churches in Northampton County, and chairman of the board of trustees of Shaw University, Raleigh.

The minister served as president of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention for three years.

Surviving are his wife and several children.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rich Square.



DR. P. A. BISHOP.

# Dr. J. H. Hayswood Dies; Pioneer Educator In N.C.

By B. FRANKLIN COLLINS  
LUMBERTON, N. C. — Funeral services were conducted here recently for Dr. John H. Hayswood, pioneer North Carolina minister and educator. He was 92 years old.

The rites were held at Be-  
nany Presbyterian and Dr. A.  
L. George, dean of the School  
of Religion at Johnson C.  
Smith University, officiated.

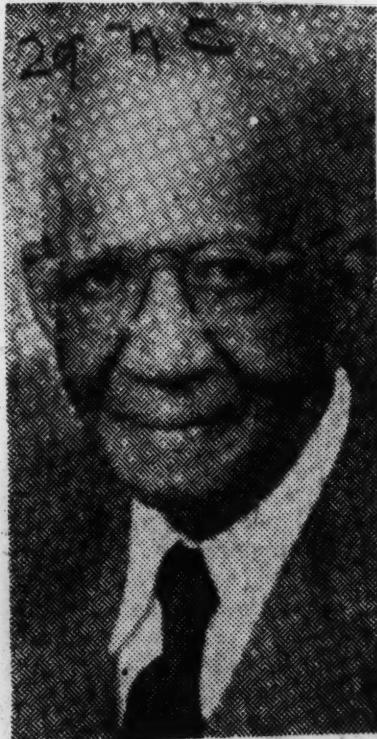
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DR. HAYSWOOD came to  
Lumberton in 1903 and three  
years later he founded the old  
Restone Academy which pro-  
vided the first high school  
education for colored residents  
of the area. The school was  
supported by the Presbyterian  
Church.

In 1933 the state took over  
Dr. Hayswood's school and in  
1948 built a new high school  
which they named J. H. Hays-  
wood high school in his honor.

DR. HAYSWOOD also pas-  
tored churches in Robeson  
county and neighboring coun-  
ties for more than 50 years.  
He pastored until last Janu-  
ary when poor health forced  
him to stop.

Dr. Hayswood was a native  
of Louisburg, N. C. He attended  
St. Augustine Normal and  
Collegiate Institute (now St.  
Augustine's College) and was  
graduated from Lincoln Uni-  
versity, Pa.

He is survived by his second  
wife, Mrs. Ethel Thompson  
Hayswood and a brother, Charles  
Hayswood of Durham, N.  
C. Dr. Hayswood was buried in  
the church cemetery.



DR. J. H. HAYSWOOD  
Mourned

## W. KERR SCOTT, 61, SENATOR, IS DEAD

Democrat of North Carolina  
Took Seat in 1954—Served  
as Governor in 1949-52

### NOTED FOR LIBERALISM

*20th*  
Critic of Public Utilities Aided  
Rural Electrification and  
Highway Construction

Special to The New York Times.

BURLINGTON, N. C., April 6.—Senator W. Kerr Scott died today in Alamance General Hos- of the state's history.

ital here. His death came on the eve of his sixty-second birth- day. A Democrat, Mr. Scott was elected to the Senate in 1954. He had also served as Governor of this state.

He entered the hospital a week ago, after suffering a heart attack.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Mary Elizabeth White; two sons, Osborne W. and Robert W., both of Haw River, and a daughter, Mrs. A. J. Loudermilk of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

He is also survived by four brothers and four sisters.

A temporary successor to the Senate seat that had been held by Senator Scott is expected to be appointed in the near future by Gov. Luther H. Hodges, Democrat. At the general elections next November a candidate will be chosen to fill out the unexpired term, which ends in January, 1961.

Senator Scott's death reduces the Democratic margin in the Senate to 48-47.

*New York 11/2*  
A Southern Liberal

William Kerr Scott, blunt- spoken, well-to-do dairy farmer who was once described as "the jet-propelled plowboy with a rose in his lapel" was one of the foremost liberals of the South.

Long a champion of progressive measures in social legislation, Senator Scott during his 1949-1952 tenure as Governor of North Carolina spoke out for Negro rights (although he was not an integrationist) and cracked down on the Ku Klux Klan when that organization attempted to conduct a membership drive in his state.

Senator Scott was elected Governor after having served twelve years as State Commissioner of Agriculture. Support from the farmers, whom he called "the branch-head boys," enabled him to win the gubernatorial and Senate races.

As Governor, he constantly criticized the telephone and power companies in public speeches and insisted that the utilities be extended into rural areas. During his tenure 21,000 miles of power lines were strung to homes occupied by 153,000 persons.

Also as Governor, Senator Scott pushed through a \$200,000 road-bond issue that resulted in the paving of 14,810 miles of roads, more than had been paved in all previous years of the state's history.

He appointed the first Negro to serve on the State Board of Education. When he was elected Governor he declared it was time for North Carolina to stop dodging the Negro question.

"I am going to follow through to see that the minority race has a fair opportunity and gets the training to fit into the state's growth," he said.

### Opposed Desegregation

At the same time, he was not willing to let the segregation barriers down in his state. He expressed the opinion that the Negroes did not want desegregation. When four Negroes were enrolled in the University of North Carolina's Law School for the first time he said he expected the influx of Negro students at the university to increase for a few years and then to decline "after the novelty wears off."

It was also during his tenure as Governor that the state removed salary discrimination against the staff of the mental hospital for Negroes in Goldsboro.

Born on his father's farm in Haw River, N. C., on April 17, 1896, Senator Scott kept the same farm all his life, operating a 200-head dairy. He graduated from North Carolina State College in 1917 and held honorary degrees of Doctor of Agriculture from his alma mater and Doctor of Laws from the University of North Carolina and Elon College.

He served as a private in the field artillery in 1918, and became a county farm agent in 1920. He was regional director of the Farm Debt Adjustment Program of the Resettlement Administration between 1934 and 1936.

In January, 1956, as chairman of a joint Senate-House subcommittee investigating the controversial Al Elera mining case, he charged that the Department of Interior had awarded claims before receiving official reports on which the award was to have been based.

His charges were a major development in the Al Elera case, which the Democrats at the time labeled a Republican Administration "give-away" of public timber, a dispute that became a part of the political campaign that year.

# Dr. John O. Plummer Dies

*20th*  
Mrs. *Chapman* wife, Clementine K. Plummer; Dr. John Owen Plummer, two daughters, Mrs. Marie P. prominent physician of Raleigh, Orson, Petersburg, Va., and Mrs. died Friday at 1:30 a.m. at Owen P. Cook, Durham; one Lincoln Hospital, Durham. He son, John Owen Plummer Jr., had suffered a heart attack Washington attorney; two sisters, Mrs. Beulah Fitts, Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Courtney Fitts, Wilson; and a brother Baker Plummer of Warrenton.

Dr. Plummer, a leader of the Negro race in addition to being a medical ear and eye specialist, was a native of Warrenton. He was born there May 19, 1890, educated in public schools and later graduated at A&T College, Greensboro, and the Leonard Medical School, now University. He served in specialist field at Lincoln Hospital for years and was on the visiting staff at St. Agnes Hospital in Raleigh. He was physician to the State School for Deaf and Blind here and specialized in eye, ear, nose and throat.

He was a member of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church and funeral rites will be held there Sunday at 4 p.m., with burial in Mount Hope.

Dr. Plummer, who had practiced here 55 years, aided many young men who aspired to become doctors. He was active in the National Medical Association and headed one of its largest projects at the Veterans Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala. He had one of the largest prac-



DR. JOHN O. PLUMMER.

ties of any Negro physician in the county.

Surviving Dr. Plummer is his

*20th*  
Interracial  
African-American  
worker dies  
did 77 yrs.

*Baltimore*  
CONCORD, N.C. — A 103- year-old white woman described by a colored leader as "the most beloved by all the people of any person I have ever known," is dead. She devoted 77 years of service to the colored community.

Miss Mary E. Chapman came to Concord from Philadelphia in 1881 to teach English at Barber Scotia College. When she came it was a small junior college for colored girls. Now it is a four-year liberal arts schools.

Dr. L. Cozart, president of the college, said "I used to call her a saint. That's one reason she lived so long. She had a zest for living and welfare of everyone else."

*20th*  
FUNERAL SERVICES were held in the colored church of which she had been a member for 77 years. The white funeral director handling her burial arrangements said:

"She staked herself out a considerable mansion in heaven, all right."

Dr. Cozart said Miss Chapman taught a Sunday School class "beyond her 100th birthday." He said she rarely missed a class until she went to the hospital last December.

Was Friend Of Both Races

*Journal Guide*

## Rites For White Teacher

*Norfolk, Va.*

## Held At Colored Church

*Sat. 7-26-58*  
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CONCORD, N. C. — A white school teacher who befriended persons of both races here for about 77 years died last week.

She was 103-year-old Miss Mary E. Chapman, a native of Philadelphia, Pa. Funeral services for Miss Chapman were scheduled to be held at the colored church to which she belonged for 78 years.

**SHE WAS DESCRIBED** by a leader as "the most beloved by all the people of any person I have ever known."

Miss Chapman came here in 1881 as a substitute teacher in English at Barber Scotia College. She remained with the school as teacher and librarian for 32 consecutive years.

**WHEN SHE CAME**, Barber Scotia was a small junior college for colored girls. It is now an accredited four-year liberal arts college.

Miss Chapman was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Chapman, who also moved here from Philadelphia in the later years of their lives.

**DR. L. COZART**, president of Barber Scotia, said, "I used to call her a saint. That's one reason she lived so long. She had a zest for the living and welfare of everyone else. She's one person who took in the whole human family and loved them for what they were worth."

Dr. Cozart said he never knew of any censure directed at Miss Chapman by the white community.

**THE WHITE** funeral director handling her burial arrangements said, "she staked herself out a considerable mansion in heaven, all right."

## John E. Caldwell Dies; *Journal Guide*

## Funeral Services Held

*Norfolk, Va.*

GREENSBORO, N. C.

John Edward Caldwell died at his home at 627 South Ashe street, Greensboro, N. C. on cemetery.

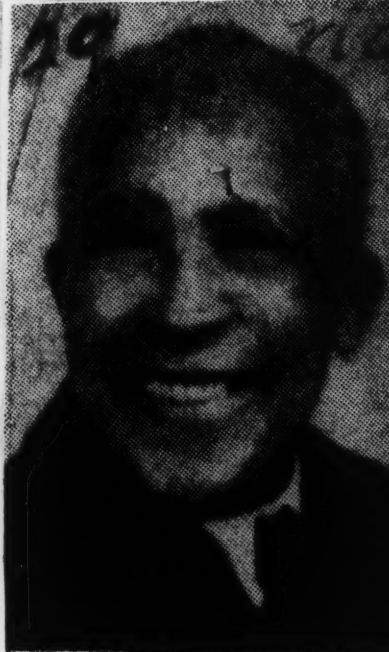
ducted from St. Matthews Methodist church, last Monday, with the Rev. J. E. Brower, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Maplewood cemetery.

Thursday, July 31, after a long illness. He was 95 years of age.

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A native of Guilford college, he was first employed in saw-mill work; then with the railroad for 30 years, and later as a shoe repairman. For 45 years he operated a shoe shop on Lewis street, until his health became impaired more than two years ago.

He said Miss Chapman was financially independent and aided scores in the colored community "materially as well as spiritually."

**MR. CALDWELL** was a member of St. Matthews Methodist church. He was an



JOHN E. CALDWELL  
Passes At Home

officer of the church, and for many years served as treasurer.

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Survivors include three sons the Rev. Gilbert H. Caldwell, Sr., Greensboro; L. H. Caldwell, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Willie Caldwell, Pennsylvania; one daughter, Mrs. Joyce C. McLendon, Raleigh; four granddaughters, two grandsons, five great-grandchildren, and other relatives.

Funeral services were con-

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# Rites held for T· African American p. 15 Tiny Bradshaw

CINCINNATI — Funeral services were held last week for Tyron (Tiny) Bradshaw, internationally-known musician. The one-time drummer and bandleader died at the age of 53, victim of his third paralytic stroke.

Bradshaw was a prominent figure in virtually every state in the Union and was known in several foreign countries. During the 30 years between the mid-20s and mid-50s, he rose to the height as orchestra leader and vaudeville personality.

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KNOWN FOR his compositions, "Jersey Bounce," "Salt Lake City Bounce," "Soft" and "Butterfly," Tiny became a figure comparable to Cab Calloway and Lucky Millinder both of whom were celebrated bandleader-composers in their time.

Originally a drummer with the Luis Russell band, Bradshaw was impressed by the success of Cab and Lucky following their embarkation on careers as baton wielders.

## First fan teacher in Toledo dies

TOLEDO, Ohio — Funeral services were held here last week for Nelson W. Love, Toledo's first colored teacher. He was 88.

A native of Whitlock, Tenn., Mr. Love came here in 1911. After his teaching career, he went into the real estate business, retiring five years ago.

During the depression, Mr. Love organized a home for homeless unemployed mothers.

Survivors are a son, Earl A., Denver, Colo.; three daughters, Mesdames Odessa Hardy and Faye Dinwiddie, both of Toledo, and Eunice Liggins, Cleveland; and six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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*Tenn. Hospital  
Worley Passes  
Founder Passes  
In Toledo, Ohio*

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Dr. Adrian D. Brooks, 64, a physician 42 years and founder of Brookhaven Hospital in Jackson, Tenn., died here last week after a two-year illness.

Dr. Brooks, who was a native of Jackson, was graduated from Howard Institute in 1912, and taught school in Madison County, Tenn., before entering Meharry Medical College.

He built the Brookhaven Hospital in 1926. In 1953, he started a housing development in Jackson but discontinued the project because of illness. He then came to Toledo three years later to live at the home of a sister, Mrs. Ozie Bell Barnett.

He was a member of the National Medical Association and was former president of the West Tennessee Medical Association.

Other survivors include a daughter, Delores Brooks, Toledo, step-daughter, Mrs. Ann Baker, Los Angeles; brothers, Chevris, Regger, Senowman and Starling Brooks, and sisters, Mrs. Verna D. Haynes and Mrs. Warleathie Coleman, all of Toledo.

**Dr. Mary F. Waring**

CHICAGO (AP) — Dr. Mary Fitzbutler Waring, teacher, doctor and club leader, died last Wednesday after an illness of more than a year.

A native of Louisville, Ky., where she received her education, Dr. Waring also taught there before entering the field of medicine.

At one time, Dr. Waring headed the National Association of Colored Women's clubs and in that capacity attended the World Conference of Women meeting in Norway.

She is survived by her nephews, Granville F. Adams and Jimmie Fitzbutler, Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. Prima Washington and Mrs. Myra Vincent, Los Angeles, and a niece, Leona Michael, also of Los Angeles, Calif.

# Myron (Tiny) Bradshaw

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — The entertainment world mourned Myron (Tiny) Bradshaw, ex-bandleader, and one of show

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business' greatest showmen, who died at his home in Cincinnati at the age of 68.

Funeral services were held in Cincinnati, with burial in his hometown of Youngstown, Ohio.

Bradshaw had been suffering with a semi-paralysis of his left side, the result of three strokes in recent years. The showman to the end, he had ignored the advice of physicians and had played small engagements near his home including a Thanksgiving date in Columbus, Ohio.

For over 30 years the Bradshaw magic had spun a music spell across the world.

ALTHOUGH HE had majored in psychology at Wilberforce University, Tiny began his career as a drummer and piano player after graduation.

He had started with Luis Russell's band and several other groups before branching out and forming his own orchestra.

The dapper Bradshaw owned over 200 suits at one time, each one a different shade, and was considered the best dressed bandleader in the business.

Considered one of the leading showmen and a top man in leading a group, Bradshaw made almost 50 appearances in Harlem's famed Apollo Theatre, in addition to playing many of the other leading jazz centers in the East.

Among his most popular tunes were "Soft," "South of the Orient," and "Ping Pong," which were hits several years back.

BRADSHAW ALSO wore one of the largest rings in the country, a gift from the Maharajah of India.

The little man was married several times, and is survived by a son, Myron Jr., and a daughter, Jean, both of Youngstown; a brother, Reginald of Buffalo, N.Y., and a sister, Alberta, of the Bronx.

A former wife, Mrs. Blanche Bradshaw, lives in New York.



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Mourned — One of  
the most  
popular figures in show  
business, Myron (Tiny)  
Bradshaw, has been buried  
in Cincinnati. His story is  
on page 7.

# Maestro Tiny Bradshaw Mourned: He "Worked Himself To Death"

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The circles. He started out as a musical world, from Harlem professional musician after to the Coast, is mourning the finishing Wilberforce (Ohio) death the great showman college and held down pianist band leader Myron Tiny Bradshaw, who literally and actually worked himself to death.

Bradshaw died at his home here early Friday morning, Nov. 26 at the age of 53. He had just the night before played an engagement at Columbus, Ohio.

*Myron Tiny*  
EVEN THOUGH HE had been semi-paralyzed for about a makes-ya-wanta-dance band. five years, Tiny refused to quit the band business. Doctors had warned him that he was something of a fashion would some day fall dead on plate on the podium himself. a bandstand if he didn't "take His prowess as a leader and a it easy," but his reply was "drawer" is attested in the said to be "I got rhythm, Doc fact that the played the popu—there is no taking it easy." lar Apollo theatre over fifty

And Tiny Bradshaw did have times during his career. rhythm. There is hardly any one in their late 20's or 30's times but was single at his in any appreciably - sized city death. The survivors include a or town from Boston to Miami. Myron, Jr.; a daughter, and from New York to Los Angeles, both of Youngstown, Ohio. Ageles who failed to know that a brother, Reginald of Buffalo; at some time a Tiny Bradshaw and a sister, Alberta, of the shaw band was in the area. Bronx.

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A former wife, Mrs. Blanche Bradshaw, lives in Harlem.

THE DRIVE WITH which he directed his men and with which he belted out his songs was a Bradshaw trademark. He was also an accomplished dancer.

The spark began to fade with Tiny about seven years ago when he suffered the first in a series of strokes. Two others followed.

BUT EVEN AFTER that first seizure, Tiny refused to pass in his chips. Instead he came back with a new band and a new best - selling record "Soft."

For fully 30 years, the name of Tiny Bradshaw was one reckoned with in musical



TINY BRADSHAW in 1941 and 1956

He Was Out There A Long Time

# A. M. Jordan Black Doytah Veteran School Head, Is Buried

Alphonso M. Jordan, principal of Douglass high school, Wewoka, Okla., passed Friday morning, Jan. 3. Jordan, 53, was serving his 18th year as principal of Douglass high



ALPHONSO M. JORDAN

school, having succeeded F. D. Moon there in 1940.

A. M. Jordan was a graduate of Douglass high school, Oklahoma City, graduating with the class of 1922. He received his Bachelor's degree from Langston university and his Master's degree from Wichita university. He had completed most of his work leading to a Doctor's degree at the University of Oklahoma.

Jordan spent his entire professional life in Oklahoma. His first teaching was done in the rural schools of Oklahoma county. He went from the Oklahoma county schools to the principalship of the Attucks school, Ponca City, where he remained until elected principal of the Douglass high school of Wewoka in 1940. His tenure at

Wewoka was longer than that of any other principal, 18 years.

#### Prominent Educator

Jordan was prominent in the educational circles of Oklahoma. For six years he was a member of the executive committee of the Oklahoma Association of Negro Teachers and was president of the association in 1939. He served for many years as a member of the association's legislative committee.

He held membership in the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Oklahoma Education association, the National Education association, the Oklahoma Association of Teachers (formerly Oklahoma Association of Negro Teachers), and the American Association of School Administrators.

The funeral of A. M. Jordan was held in the auditorium of the Douglass high school at Wewoka in charge of funeral arrangements. State school principals served as honorary pallbearers.

Survivors include Mrs. Mollie Jordan, wife; Mrs. Sally Menser, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Lilly Jordan, Phoenix, Ariz., sisters; Alfred Jordan, Wewoka, nephew, and two nieces.

## Last Rites Held at Tabernacle

Dr. Dan M. Moore, long-time resident and well-known physician of Oklahoma City, died about 7:35 p. m. Saturday, July 12, at the Veterans Administration hospital here after having been confined there since June 30. Last rites were held at 12 noon Thursday at Tabernacle Baptist church with the Rev. E. W. Perry officiating.

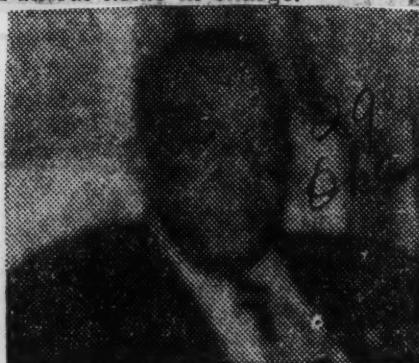
Dr. Moore first began practicing his profession in the towns of Kingfisher and El Reno after coming to Oklahoma in 1912 from Tennessee where he received his medical degree. Drafted into the army five years later, he served for 24 months as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps in France and Germany.

Following the war he was turned to the States to practice in Oklahoma City in 1919, and at 1 o'clock Wednesday, Jan. 8, joined the organization with Dr. Myers funeral home, Wewoka, was W. L. Haywood and Dr. W. H. Slaughter in operation of the Great Western Hospital which operated for many years.

Dan Miller Moore was the son of Eugene and Ester Moore, born in Liberty Hill, La. He received his early education at Louisiana Normal and Industrial Institute, now Grambling college. His further education was received at New Orleans, La.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Arbelia Moore of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Doleeta Bucl; three grandchildren; two brothers, Dr. L. Moore, local dentist of the city, and Joe Moore, realtor of Chicago; two sisters, Curtis Moore Overhall, Ruston, La., and Addie Moore Singleton of Detroit.

Interment was in Trice Hill cemetery with the McKay-Evans Funeral home in charge.



DR. DAN M. MOORE

bishops to superintend the work of the church. He was assigned to the Twelfth Episcopal District comprising the states of Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

His emphasis as a minister and bishop was in the area of Evangelism and Church Expansion. From all corners of the district the report is that he was giving the district the most outstanding leadership of its entire history.

Bishop Coleman was possessed with a brilliant mind and an humble heart. He will long be remembered as one of the most outstanding members of the church of his choice. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alcestis McCullough Coleman of the local address; one brother, Donald Coleman of New York; and one sister, Mrs. Janie Radcliff of Florida.



*Black Doytah*  
Bishop Charles Cecil Coleman, presiding bishop of the 12th Episcopal district of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, fell asleep Thursday, July 17, in the Episcopal residence at 1624 N. E. 8th street.

The passing of Bishop Coleman marks the close of a brilliant career as a minister and bishop of his church. The young 52-year old churchman was born in Key West, Fla., to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coleman sr., who since have passed on. He received his education at Livingston college in North Carolina. During his days at Livingston, he met and married Mrs. Alcestis McCullough of Charleston, S. C., the daughter of a minister. They were married on the campus at Livingston and lived together until his passing, which terminates the end of 29 years of joint service.

Coleman was licensed to preach when he was quite young. He pastored churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Arkansas. Perhaps his most outstanding record as a pastor was made in Mobile, Alabama. During his 11 years tenure at this church—State Street A. M. E. Z.—more than one thousand members were added to the church. Due to his outstanding leadership, the General Church at its quadrennial conference in May of 1956 elected him as one of the

Funeral services were conducted at Mother Zion A. M. E. Zion church, Brooklyn, N. Y., with Bishop Spotswood officiating, assisted by other bishops and ministers.

# Civic Leader and Builder Dies Following Long Illness

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning for Mrs. Frances W. Edwards, 56, Oklahoma City civic leader and founder of the Edwards Memorial hospital, 1624 N. E. Grand Boulevard.

The rites were held in the Redeemer Lutheran church, 1524 N. E. Grand Boulevard, with the Rev. Karl Thiele officiating. Interment was at Trice Hill cemetery. The Slaughter funeral home handled the arrangements.

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Mrs. Edwards, developer of the Edwards addition in the northeast section of the city, died Thursday night at the Edwards hospital.

*she has been ill since January 1*  
She has been ill since January 1.

*born December 21, 1901, in Newberry, S.C.* She attended Shell college, near Newberry. She came to Oklahoma City from Texas in 1930, at which time she and her husband, Walter, were married.

In 1948, she and her husband realized a dream of large proportions—founding of the Edwards Memorial hospital.

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Their plan for the hospital dated back to 1945, when Mrs. Edwards became critically ill. She was crowded into a basement ward of a city hospital with five other patients.

Her husband found that he could not buy the things she needed in most proper hospitalization.

Construction of the hospital began in May, 1946, and by the time of its completion, the Edwards had poured more than \$300,000 into the 105-bed hospital.

At the dedication of the hospital, Mrs. Edwards said, "I dedicate the Edwards Memorial hospital to the service and benefit of humanity, regardless of racial or religious affiliation. May it esteem always the principles set forth in the Hippocratic oath.

"If there be a sick or suffering man, woman or child we can aid through our medical facilities, may we carry out his immortal dictum."

Many prominent persons attended the ceremonies, and a congratulatory message from President Truman was read at the dedication.

On Saturday before the dedication on Sunday, the "Voice of

America" broadcast the story of the Edwards in an attempt to counteract Italian communist propaganda that Negroes in America have no opportunities under the free enterprise system.

That was one day before a crucial Italian election.

Active pallbearers were: James Pratt, Warren Gardner, Virgil Robertson, Ernest Davis, James Johnson and Luttrell Roberson.

Honorary pallbearers were the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, the Entre Nous Study club and the Informal Twelve.

Survivors are  $\frac{3}{4}$  Walter, husband; Mrs. Mary Thelma Motley, daughter, 2533 N. E. 16th; a son, John A. Waldrop, 2500 N. E. 11th; two brothers, Earl Gilliam, San Diego, Calif., and Herman Gilliam, Memphis, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Mayme Howard, Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, New York City.

## AMEZ bishop dies

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Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—The Rt. Rev. Charles C. Coleman, presiding Prelate of the 12th AMEZ district, died at his home here last Thursday night, following an extended illness. He was elected to the bishopric in 1956.

A native of Key West, Fla., he received his elementary education in that city. He acquired his college training at Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C., and also Hood Theological Seminary, where he received a B.D. degree.

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# Dr. J. P. Turner Buried in Phila.

PHILADELPHIA — The last remains of Dr. John P. Turner, 72, father of Mrs. Alf M. Thomas Jr., were buried here following his death at Haynes Memorial Hospital in Detroit.

He went to Detroit in September, 1957, for treatment of a long-standing illness.

The well-known doctor was a practicing physician and surgeon for 50 years. A native of Raleigh, N. C., he was educated in the public schools and at City College, New York. He graduated from Shaw University medical school in 1906.

Dr. Turner was active in the civic and fraternal life of Philadelphia, where he was a member of the Board of Education and a retired police surgeon. He was medical inspector of the Philadelphia public schools from 1931 to 1951 and chief surgeon at Frederick Douglass Hospital for 25 years.

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HE WAS surgeon-emeritus at Mercy-Douglass Hospital, and was author of the book, "Ringworm and Its Successful Treatment."

In addition to his medical activities, he was a 33-degree Mason, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Phi Boule, the New York Council of Surgeons and the Crime Prevention Association of Philadelphia.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Marion C. Turner of Philadelphia; a daughter, Mrs. Marion Thomas; son-in-law, Dr. Alf M. Thomas Jr., 308 Josephine, Detroit; three granddaughters, Mrs. Marion Patricia Fleming of New York City, Fredrika Stubbs and Linda Thomas of Detroit.

# Colorful figure gone from 'Reporter's Row'

PITTSBURGH — Ray Sprigle, 71, who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1938 for exposing the Justice Hugo Black of the U.S. Supreme Court, as a member of the Ku Klux Klan, died on Dec. 22 from injuries suffered in a traffic accident.

Sprigle followed up his Pulitzer Prize success 10 years later by darkening his features with dye and posing as a colored man to gain first-hand information for a series of articles entitled, "I was a Negro in the South for 30 Days."

The series won for himself and his paper, the Pittsburgh's Post-Gazette, a national "Headliner's Award. Always keen on potential and disguise, he once posed as a butcher to help crack a black meat racket here during World War II.

CITY POLICE said he suffered injuries the night previous when a taxicab in which he was a passenger was rammed broadside by an automobile that ran down a stop sign in the city's downtown section. Always a colorful character, Sprigle's trademarks were his wide-brimmed hat and corn-cob pipe. He joined the newspaper fraternity in 1911 as a reporter for the old Pittsburgh Post, now the Post-Gazette.

He also worked for newspapers in Columbus and Akron, Ohio; St. Louis, Little Rock, Ark.; Lansing, Mich., and Memphis, Tenn.

**Dr. Duckrey, civic leader, dies in Philly**

Dr. James G. Duckrey, educator, school official and civic leader, died early Friday in Graduate Hospital. He was 57 years old and resided at 3888 N. 36th St.

Dr. Duckrey collapsed Thurs. day in his automobile at 18th St. and Washington Ave., while returning to his home from his office in Marrett Junior High School, 16th and Wharton Sts.

## Co-Founder of Kappa Alpha Psi Buried in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Funeral services were conducted for John Milton Lee, one of the original founders of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He died at his home, 3800 N. 15th St., as the result of a heart attack.

At the time of his death, Mr. Lee was a professional nurse and qualified masseur. A veteran of World War I, he was believed the first Negro artillery man to fire a battery at the enemy. Later he was the first associate editor of "Modern Artillerymen." He was one of 10 students who started the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in 1911 at the University of Indiana.

We had been superintendent of District No. 2 of Philadelphia Public Schools since 1953. Before that he was assistant to the Board of Superintendents of Philadelphia Schools from 1943 to 1953.

**BORN IN** Cambridge, Mass., where his father was a Baptist minister, Dr. Duckrey came from a family of educators. His great grandfather was a founder of Wittenberg University, Ohio.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Courtney Duckrey; a daughter, Nancy, three brothers, Dr. James H. Duckrey, president of Cheyney State Teachers College; William F. Duckrey, an elementary school principal, and Vernon C. Duckrey, a Federal parole officer; and one sister, Mrs. Isobel Wallace.

## Editor dies

**suddenly**

PHILADELPHIA Forrist White Woodard, publisher of the Philadelphia Independent newspaper, died suddenly, Sunday, at his home at 2B E. Providence Rd., Yeadon, Pa. He suffered a heart at-

## Robert King "African American" Dies in Pgh.

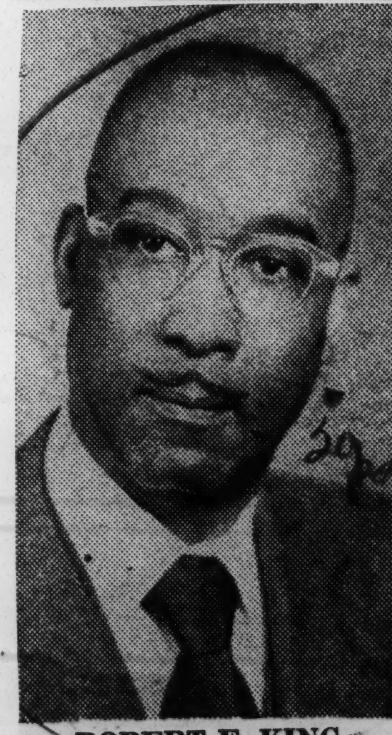
PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Robert E. King, well known in educational circles, died here Saturday morning at West Penn Hospital after a long illness. *5-10-58*

He was the husband of Dr. Angie Turner King, professor of chemistry at West Virginia State College. They were married in 1946 and made their home at 580 Oakwood St., in Pittsburgh.

Last rites for Mr. King were held Monday afternoon from the Fountain Funeral Home. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

OTHER THAN his widow Mr. King is survived by two brothers, George of Pittsburgh, and Arthur of Kimball, W. Va.

At the time of his death, Mr. King was vocational counselor for the University of Pittsburgh. He served in the same capacity for the Veterans Administration here from 1945 to 1951. He was assistant supervisor of vocational train-



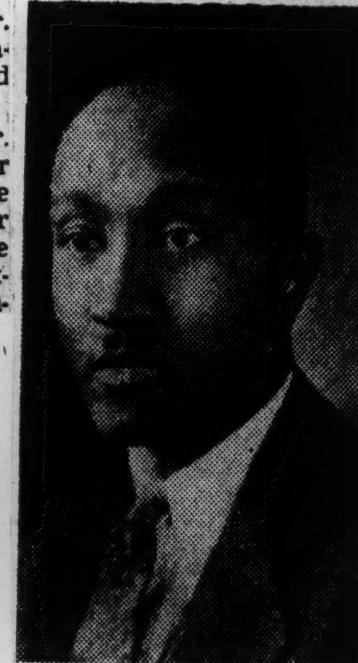
**ROBERT E. KING**  
ing for war workers at Tuskegee Institute from 1941 to 1942. Prior to that time he had served as director of auto mechanics at Virginia State and West Virginia State Colleges.

## C. R. Alexander dies; African American P-18 N.C. Mutual executive

PHILADELPHIA — Clifford R. Alexander, 57, veteran employee of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. died Monday night at University Hospital in Philadelphia.

He was stricken suddenly with a cerebral hemorrhage on Sunday June 1 at his home, 1432 N. 55th St. *Pittsburgh*

In apparent good health, he collapsed on the front porch while preparing to take his son, who was headed for a seashore



**C. R. ALEXANDER**  
Funeral Wednesday in Philly

job, to the bus station.

Taken to the hospital in a

coma, he never regained consciousness.

*5-6-21-58* Mr. Alexander has been with the N.C. Mutual Co. for more than 20 years. At the time of his death, he was assistant to the agency director.

FOR A NUMBER of years previously, he had worked in Baltimore. For the last ten or more years his job required extensive travel so he maintained headquarters in the Philadelphia office.

The Tuesday before he was stricken he was in Baltimore to speak at the Frontier's Club. Mr. Alexander was a native of Elberton, Ga. and was a graduate of Atlanta University.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Reeve's Memorial Presbyterian Church, 50th and Aspen Sts., with the Rev. George S. Ellison Sr., officiating. Burial followed in Rolling Green Memorial Park.

Mr. Alexander was a member of the Council of Presbyterian Men, the Frontiers Club and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Majorie Alexander, the son, Clifford Jr., and a daughter, Miss Marjorie Grace Alexander.

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Funeral For  
William Hubert

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 3—Funeral services for Prof. William H. Hubert will be held in the chapel of Benedict College here Thursday.

Prof. Hubert, brother of the late Dr. C. D. Hubert and M. M. Hubert of Jackson, Miss., died at the veterans' hospital in Columbia Saturday. He was residing here.

Prof. Hubert served as a lieu-

tenant in World War I. He was a teacher of English at Benedict for a number of years. He was an alumnus of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, grandchildren, and other relatives.

## Memorial Honors For Late Dr. W. R. Laney

ROCK HILL, S. C. (AP)—The memorial for the late Dr. W. R. Laney of Rock Hill, assumed an unusual forum here Friday night. The event which was staged by the Utopia Club of which Dr. Laney had been president and a moving spirit, was marked by a travelogue delivered by Sidney Williams of Chi-

peb last Monday.

The travelogue, "The Bust of Ghana" showed Dr. Laney during his visit to Ghana at the independence day celebration of that country a year ago.

Proceeds from the memorial were turned over to the Utopia Club to aid in the bus boycott fight here in Rock Hill. Laney had been active in leading the fight against segregation on buses.

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## Daniel Payne, Voorhees Coaches Die In Crash

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 3—

DENMARK, S. C.—Three small college coaches died here in a highway accident, Nov. 8. The victims were Lee Sharkey, 28-year-old head coach at Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, Ala., James R. Fisher, head coach at Voorhees Junior College Denmark and Willie Lee Smith, assistant coach, Daniel Payne College.

The fatal highway accident which claimed the lives of three young men is believed to have taken place in the early hours of the morning. The game between Daniel Payne and Voorhees was cancelled.

The Daniel Payne team returned to Birmingham, Ala., following the fatal wreck.

President Howard Gregg was out of town when the news of the coaches' death were received. Sources at Payne College said that the remains of Mr. Sharkey and Mr. Smith were being forwarded to his home in St. Louis, Mo. This source added that memorial services would likely be held at ch-

apel last Monday.

Coach Sharkey was in his fourth year at Payne. Mr. Smith joined the staff this year.

The game Payne had scheduled with Voorhees was cancelled. The Payne team came back to Birmingham coachless, it was said.

Coach Sharkey was a three-sports athlete at Fsk University, Nashville. He was 28 years old Jan 27. In 1957 he was named by the Sports Department of the Birmingham World as its "Coach of the Year."

He was among those honored at the 1958 all -sports banquet of the Birmingham Grid Forecasters.



LEO SHARKEY

# Dr. W. Martin, Memphis Physician, Dies Saturday

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Dr. W. S. Martin, president of the Collins Chapel hospital staff and owner of the Memphis Red Sox baseball club, died at the hospital at 1:30 Saturday morning after an 18-month illness. He was 77.

The widely known physician was hospital superintendent from 1920 to 1955 when he was named staff president in recognition of his long service to the institution.

Born in Holly Springs, Miss., he came to Memphis in 1907 to open a general medical practice. After becoming Collins Chapel hospital superintendent, Dr. Martin financed it out of his own funds during a number of years.

Collins Chapel CME church founded the hospital in 1910 but it was not until 1930 that adequate church funds began to come in to support the institution. Two years earlier, it had gained the support of the entire denomination. During the depression, Dr. Martin supplied the hospital with food from his own farm in Mississippi.

During the early years there was no other resident physician at the hospital where Dr. Martin lived, and he was called on for emergencies day and night. Vacations were practically unknown to him.

The completion of a new \$325,000 hospital building at Lane and Ayers in 1955 was fulfillment of a dream for Dr. Martin, as well as many white and Negro civic leaders in the city.

He was a graduate of LeMoyne Institute, Meharry Medical college in Nashville, Tenn., and interned at Bellevue hospital in New York. He also studied at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and took hospital administration courses given by the American Hospital Association.



DR. W. S. MARTIN

Dr. Martin was past president of the Bluff City Medical Society, and a member of the Shelby county Medical Society, and a member of the Shelby county Medical Association, Volunteer State Medical Association and National Medical Association.

He was trustee and steward of Collins Chapel CME church, a 33rd degree Mason and a Shriner. He bought the Memphis Red Sox of the Negro American League and spent much time and money to see that Memphis continued to have a team in the league.

He built Martin Stadium in 1947

and was vice-president of the Negro American League. His only recreation was attending Red Sox games.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Eva Cartman Martin; three brothers, Dr. A. T. Martin, a physician; and Dr. B. B. Martin, a dentist both of Memphis, and Dr. J. B. Martin a pharmacist, and Trustee of Sanitary District of Chicago.

S. W. Qualls Funeral home was in charge of funeral services.

## TENNESSEE

### Dr. R. T. Smith Prominent Physician Succumbs Suddenly

Dr. Robert T. Smith, a prominent Nashville physician and civic leader, died early this morning (Friday, May 16) at Hubbard Hospital from a heart ailment. He was the husband of Mrs. Ester Jackson Smith, a Fisk graduate, who is very prominent in social and civic circles throughout the city.

Dr. Smith was born in Goliad, Texas, the son of Mr. Henry W. Smith and the late Mrs. Georgia Smith, a former Texas school teacher. He was graduated from Wiley College of Marshall, Texas, and Meharry Medical College of Nashville.

After his graduation from Meharry he received several years of post-graduate training in internal medicine at Hubbard Hospital and Meharry Medical College, and one year of intensive post-graduate study at the University of Rochester Graduate School of Medicine as a Fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation. His special training was in the Disease of the Gastro-Intestinal Tract.

Dr. Smith has practiced medicine in Nashville for the past sixteen years. At the time of his death, he was Director of the Out-Patient Clinics at Meharry, Medical Director of the Hospital, and Associate Professor of Medicine.

He was a member of the Apollo Club, the Sportsman's Club, the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the R. F. Boyd Medical Society, the National Medical Association, and the Clark Memorial Church.

In addition to his devoted wife and father, he is survived by a brother, Henry W. Smith, Jr., of Washington, D. C., and two nieces, Mrs. Minda D. Smith and Mrs. Vivian S. Felder.

#### PHI BETA SIGMA 'MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR BROTHER DR. R. T. SMITH

May 17, 1958.

O Men in Sigma:

In deep sorrow, we behold the fallen form of this our illustrious brother, who stood tall in the triple principles of our brotherhood. His scholarship was deeply rooted in the sustaining wisdom gained from the knowledge of his fellowman's joys, sorrows and tragedies. His was the wisdom which enabled him to see his fellowman through eyes of love. Here, you behold the dedi-

cated life to the service of his fellowman.

We knew this man whose form repose in the arms of the Gentle reapers; because, in life, under the command of the God of love, he loved the brethren. He met the challenge of these principles and now his life is a transfiguration of love, the essence of life; knowledge, the essence of truth; and the art of living, the essence of beauty. His life was a missus world; into which he poured in balanced portions, all that moved him back to that realm of perfect joy. Through pain and tragedy, he listened to the inner self speak in whispered tones of adoration.

He beheld the ceaseless forms of being and non-being ever challenging his upward surge to that Holy realm of peace; always hoping to choose with his Creator the time of consummation from a life of service and sacrifice.

He wrapped himself in God's infallible love which made him invulnerable by the perfect wisdom of God's truth.

#### PRAYER

Thou great and awful Judge, who walks in Thine own time in life's garden and plucks the flowers of thy choice; We humbly thank Thee for the beauty of this life which we behold transfigured by Thy love of truth, and dedicated to the service of mankind through fellowship and brotherly love. Thou, and Thou alone, will judge us, as Thou hast judged him. We sorrowfully surrender this form to the gentle earth. His spirit is Thine. We sigh in sublime humility "Here

### Dr. Martin Dies At Hospital He Helped Launch

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (Special)—

Dr. W. S. Martin, a man known to thousands in the areas of sports, medicine, religious, and civic activities, and in business circles, died early Saturday morning, May 7, after an extended illness.

He passed at the institution he helped launch, Collins Chapel hospital, at 1:30 a. m. He had been ill 18 months. He was in his late 50s.

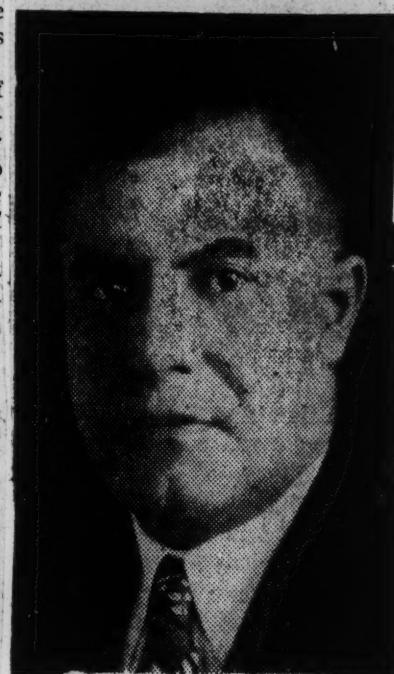
A member of the noted Martin family of doctors, dentists, pharmacists, and sports promoters, Dr. Martin was president of the

Collins Chapel Hospital medical staff and owner of the Memphis Red Sox Baseball club and Martin Stadium here.

He was a native of Holly Springs, Miss., but spent the majority of his adult years in Memphis.

#### LEMOYNE GRADUATE

He graduated from Le Moyne Institute and held a bachelor's degree from Walden University of Nashville. He received his medical degree from Meharry Medical college, and interned at Bellevue



DR. W. S. MARTIN

hospital in New York and the University of Minnesota hospital in St. Paul.

He was a past president of the Bluff City Medical Association and served as superintendent of Collins Chapel Hospital from 1920 till 1955, when he was made president. He was also a member of the Volunteer State medical Association, the Bluff City Medical Society, and the National Medical Association.

He was an active church man, and served as a trustee and steward of Collins Chapel CME church. He was a 33rd degree Mason and a Shriner.

His wife is the former Eva Cartman, who was associated with him on the hospital staff. He also leaves three brothers, Dr. J. B. Martin of Chicago, Dr. A. T. Martin, and Dr. B. B. Martin of Memphis. Qualls Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral.

## Wealthy Negro

### Shot To Death

*Advertiser*

MEMPHIS (AP)—Dr. Joseph Walker, wealthy Negro business executive and political leader was shot to death Sunday and police arrested a former long time friend who they said committed the slaying.

Walker, 58, was wounded fatally as he entered the vestibule of his office in the Universal Life Insurance Co., of which he was board chairman. The company is the fourth largest Negro insurance firm in the nation.

The .38 caliber revolver slug struck the executive in the left chest, penetrating his body. He stumbled to a chair and died.

*Minneapolis Star* police arrested J. W. Hamilton, 76-year-old Negro, long close friend of the slain man. Homicide Capt. W. W. Wilkinson said Hamilton told him he shot Walker "for revenge" and because Walker owed him money.

# Dr. Walker - From Poverty, Obscurity To Success

By NAT D. WILLIAMS

The busy chatter of typewriters and adding machines and the smooth routine of a major business office came to a sudden and startled halt, following the muffled report of a pistol in the hands of a grudge-crazed, shabby looking man early last Monday morning.

The pistol shot and the sudden the entire populace.

halt in the big, busy Universal Life office building sounded the first doleful note in the swelling requiem for Dr. Joseph E. Walker, the "Little Napoleon" of Negro Business in Memphis and the Mid-South.

The tragedy which marked the end of Dr. Walker's career was in sharp contrast to the seemingly charmed and always direct course he had steered from the poverty and obscurity of a backwoods Mississippi cotton - patch cabin to the pinnacles of success and renown as a businessman, civic leader, political figure, and internationally - known churchman.

## FABULOUS CAREER

Dr. Walker had built a fabulous career with his own mind, spirit, and vision. The "Horatio Alger Story in Bronze" would have been a fitting title for a biographical treatment of his life.

Even a brief sketch of such a biography would have given the reader in bold outline the main features of a career for which no man would have blushed.

In his biographical account of Dr. Walker, well-known author T. J. Johnson in his book "From the Driftwood of Bayou Pierre," wrote: "I have known Walker for almost 50 years, not only as an acquaintance, but as a close friend. The one mystery of his life which I have never been able to unravel is why he ever thought he could be a doctor. I wish I could explain herein the circumstances that inspired him to go to medical college. We plant in faith and harvest in doubt if he knows himself. We thanksgiving - it was out there only know that in that age a Negro doctor was as popular as money is in business. With Dr. before a man's name, he immediately became the community leader, the outstanding figure that received the honor, respect and admiration

## Tense seconds of Dr. Walker's last breath reviewed by correspondent

By L. ALEX WILSON

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (NNPA) — He sat, in death, half sprawled in a chair facing west in the little waiting room of his own office where an employee had helped guide his faltering steps.

From his neck down, the front of his body was soaked with blood. Some masked features of Dr. Walker, his precious life, had been able to maintain calmness.

But, as I looked on the death

of his body was soaked with

his precious life, blood. Some masked features of Dr. Walker,

kind of material protruded a man I admired for his fabu-

futilely from a spot near the tional dike almost snapped.

His facial features were re-

laxed. Eyes closed. Lips closed.

Asleep — a kind of a tired

sleep in death.

SO SAT 78-year-old Dr. J.

E. Walker for the last time

in his office, in the building

of the great firm he had built

through unusual enterprise and

ingenuity, after he had been

fatally wounded on July 28 by

a blast from a pistol allegedly

fired by J. Washington Hamilton, a onetime friend.

The silence was charged with apprehension, as a few employees of University Life stood clear and watched Dr. Julian Kelso, medical director of the firm, with ~~deft~~ movement, ~~do his utmost to save~~ his ~~father~~ in law.

"Too, it might have been de-creed that on his journey up life's ladder he should stop in Sunflow-

er County, the center of the Mis-

sissippi Delta. He had gone to

finished medicine at Meharry

Medical college. Now he must be

educated if he is to accomplish

the great work for which he seem-

ed ordained. So for reasons he

cannot even yet explain, he left

Nashville in May, 1906, and went

acquaintance, but as a close friend. The one mystery of his life

which I have never been able to unravel is why he ever thought he could be a doctor. I wish I could explain herein the circumstances that inspired him to go to medical college. We plant in faith and harvest in doubt if he knows himself. We thanksgiving - it was out there only know that in that age a Negro doctor was as popular as money is in business. With Dr. before a man's name, he immediately became the community leader, the outstanding figure that received the honor, respect and admiration

gently at first, as the refrain

passed from lip to lip. "He's

gone." Then the full meaning

struck home breaking through

the shock. Emotion burst

bounds on the second floor of

Universal Life Insurance Co.

During my 21 years in the

field of journalism, I had seen

soldiers in the flower of youth

brought down a mountain side

## Sorry Killer Says Walker Stole A Fortune From Him

MEMPHIS — A once-wealthy insurance man who confessed to the arrested him on the street.

slaying Monday of Dr. J. E. Walker, founder and chairman of the board of Universal Life In-

address

Hamilton told police that he helped Dr. Walker organize Universal Life in the mid 1920's.

"And as soon as he got it organized he shoved me out. A friend told me not to have anything to do with him. He said Dr. Walker was a crook. I found it out," Hamilton said.

**AMASSED FORTUNE**

Hamilton stated that in 1921 with 15 cents in his pocket, he started to amass a fortune which exceeded

\$100,000 in cash and property. He said he organized a now defunct insurance company called the National Life.

The expenses of that venture were so great, he said, that he had to borrow \$8,000 from the company and also put up four service stations and a home he owned as security.

During the late thirties, he said he became ill and asked Dr. Walker to collect rentals on some of his properties and apply them to the loans. At that time he was in Chicago, he said.

But Hamilton claimed that Dr. Walker foreclosed on the loans instead and then took over the property.

Police learned that in recent years Hamilton had been barred from the Walker building following an assault he made on Dr. Walker with a walking cane in 1956. At that time Dr. Walker refused to press charges against

## Ex-Art Teacher Dies At 74;

Mrs. Katherine Brice Parker, 74

who organized the Meharry Alum-

ni unit in Chicago about 35 years

ago, died Tuesday in the Nursing

Home at 4155 Lake Park after

long illness.

A resident of Chicago for about

36 years, Mrs. Parker was well

"I took the check to show him

what I needed," said Hamilton.

"I said, 'listen doctor, I want some

money.'

"He reached for a telephone and

said, 'there ain't no need to call

anyone. All I want is some

money.'

Hamilton said Dr. Walker

"opened his desk drawer and took

something out of it. Then he came

around the desk after me."

Mrs. Parker, who was the moth-

er of the late Jim Tamm, mu-

once." The bullet smashed

sician who played with the Whis-

pering Orchestra of Gold, lived at

5440 Indiana ave.

She is survi-

ed by two sisters,

The killer said he left the build-

Mrs. Sonny Edwards Garner ofing and went to a friend's home at

Chicago and Mrs. Nora Murray of 236 Turley st., where he telephon-

ed a bonding agency and reported

he was in trouble. He was on his

Hamilton.

Married recently to the former Miss Louise O'Reilly, of Yazoo, Miss., Dr. Walker and his bride had just returned from a honeymoon and business trip to the West coast.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been set.



DR. J. E. WALKER

## Dr. Walker's Tragic Death

The slaying of Dr. Joseph Edison Walker, prominent Member of this humanitarian, Christian builder, business and civic leader has shocked this city and section of the nation as no other tragedy has in many, many years. *Worried p. 16*

Like many another Meharry man, who through thrift and honest dealing, he had ventured afar in the field of business. The chairman of the Boards of the Tri-State Bank and the Universal Life Insurance Company, would be among the top positions his busy career would allow him to take on. Others would be leadership in development of the Walker Homes and the heading of many civic activities. *Assaulted, Jr.*

At any rate, it is hoped that those who have charge of the investigation of this killing will sift every detail in existence in an effort to properly solve some of these mysteries back of the killing of useful Negro leaders. *Jan. 29 - 58*

All too often such wanton acts, after dragging along the trail of apparent deliberate entanglements and technical escapement delays, have been the encouragement of those who follow the pattern and occasionally throw the community and state into hysteria over the brutal slaying of their first citizens.

We have seen on various alleged pretexts a practice which every law-abiding citizen should abhor. Such renders no comfort for the enterprising, the maker of jobs and the producer of opportunity, but on the other hand affords a license for the killers to pass on to other hands the pattern and the practice, which too often receive incentives for repetition.

Let Dr. Walker's killer be immediately brought to book that this procedure of varied ramifications might be alleviated and a stop put to these infamous patterns — cropping up periodically across the path of Negro urge and leadership.

Outstanding Church Worker

# Mrs. M. B. Ratcliffe Pittsburgh for Of Memphis Dies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Death claimed Mrs. Maggie B. Ratcliffe, retired school teacher and an outstanding church worker and club woman, here Wednesday night. She was the wife of Harry Ratcliffe, a retired letter carrier.

Mrs. Ratcliffe died suddenly, the victim of a heart attack, shortly after arriving at the Lelia Walker Clubhouse, a gathering place for Memphis club women. She was to have attended a Valentine party there which was being sponsored by the popular Elite Club, of which she was president. *P. 4*

Club members said Mrs. Ratcliffe had become tired while parking her car and collapsed shortly after entering the club house located on Walker Ave.

*Courier*

MRS. RATCLIFFE, who resided with her husband at 1322 South Parkway, East, was an ardent member of Centenary Methodist Church and was retired several years ago as an elementary teacher at Florida Street School.

She was the mother of Robert M. Ratcliffe, managing editor of the Pittsburgh Courier. Another son, Harry Jr., died in a subway accident in New York last April 2-22-58

Other immediate relatives include a cousin, Mrs. Minnie Berry of Memphis; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Eddie Mai Herndor Ratcliffe, and two grandchildren.



MRS. M. B. RATCLIFFE  
... claimed by death

## Dr. Daniel F. Martinez Ward 9-8 Sat 4/16/58 Dies After Long Illness

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (SNS) — Dr. Daniel F. Martinez, president of Johnson Memorial Institute Junior College at Batesville, Miss., died at his home 8:25 p. m. Friday following a lingering illness.

The educator had been recovering from a major operation since last fall. However, he was put to bed last week and continued to grow worse until his death.

Widely known in the Tri-State area, he had been president of the Junior College about six years. Prior he had been state supervisor of Negro public schools in Missouri. He was the first Negro vice chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Association of Supervision Curriculum Development with the National Education Association.

Dr. Martinez has also been the presiding elder of the Batesville district of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church six years. He was the first editor of the Arkansas World 1940-41. He was also the editor and publisher of the New Burn World in New Burn, N. C. in 1935-38.

Active in fraternal and religious organizations, he was a member of the Johnson Chapel AMEZ Church in Batesville, a member of the Frontiers club in Memphis; a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity in Pine Bluff, Ark., as well as a Masonic and Elks lodges. He had been the grandmaster of a Masonic lodge in Webb, Miss.

Born in New Orleans, his college education was received at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and the University of Heidelberg in Germany where he receive his doctorate.

Funeral services will be conducted in Memphis at 8 p. m. Friday, April 11 at Warner Temple Methodist Church, 913 Mississippi Blvd., with Rev. L. W. Raspberry officiating.

His body will be shipped to Luther Olka, for burial. His body will be received in state at the T. H. Hayes Son Funeral Home.

Among survivors are his wife, Mrs. Johanna Martinez, and a foster sister, Mrs. Carrie Eden, New Orleans, La.



DR. DANIEL F. MARTINEZ

## Death Of Mrs. Mattie Boyd-Johnson

Oldest Daughter Of Dr. R. H.  
Boyd Passed After Lingering  
Illness

Mrs. Mattie Boyd Johnson, the oldest living daughter of the late Richard Henry and Harriett Boyd died in a local hospital Thursday morning around three o'clock. Mrs. Johnson had been confined to the hospital for more than three years during which time she had been a most patient sufferer.

Dr. H. A. Boyd, her brother, had given her the very best of medical care and nursing service during the years of her illness, which many thought had prolonged her life.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Texas and received her education there, but had been a resident of this city since the Boyd family moved here.

Mrs. Johnson was a faithful and consistent member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church until her health failed. She was a most devoted daughter to her mother and father, and accompanied them to the na-

tional meetings each year as long as her mother lived. She was an excellent housekeeper, and was noted for her hospitality and graciousness.

As a patient in Hubbard hospital she made friends among the doctors, nurses as well as the patients, and every one, along with Mrs. Tommie Scott, the nurse who took such excellent care of her, with the assistance of other nurses, had made a regular pet of her.

Mrs. Johnson's passing leaves only three Boyd children, Rev. Henry Allen Boyd, Mrs. Lula Boyd Landers and Mr. T. B. Boyd, Sr. There are several nieces and nephews who survive.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 from the residence, Rev. F. K. Sims in charge of the services.



DR. S. W. MARTIN

## Dr. Martin dies in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Dr. W. S. Martin, president of Collins Chapel Hospital staff and owner of the Memphis Red Sox Baseball Club, died at the hospital at 1:30 Saturday morning after an 18-month illness. He was 77 years old.

The physician was hospital superintendent from 1920 to 1955, when he was named staff president in recognition of his long service to the institution.

Born in Holly Springs, Miss., he came to Memphis in 1907 to open a general medical practice. After becoming Collins Chapel Hospital superintendent, Dr. Martin financed it out of his own funds during a number of lean years.

COLLINS CHAPEL CME Church founded the hospital in 1910, but it was not until 1930 that adequate church funds began to come in to support the institution.

Two years earlier it had gained the support of the entire denomination. During the depression, Dr. Martin supplied the hospital with food from his own farm in Mississippi.

During the early years there was no other resident physician at the hospital, where Dr. Martin lived, and he was called on for emergencies day and night.

Vacations were practically unknown to him.

THE COMPLETION of a new \$325,000 hospital building at Lane and Ayers in 1955 was fulfillment of a dream for Dr. Martin, as well as many white and colored civic leaders in the city.

He was a graduate of Le Moyne Institute, Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., and interned at Bellevue Hospital in New York. He also studied at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and took hospital administration courses given by the American Hospital Association.

Dr. Martin was past president of the Bluff City Medical Society and a member of the Shelby County Medical Association, Volunteer State Medical Association and National Medical Association.

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HE WAS a trustee and steward of Collins Chapel CME Church, a 33rd degree Mason and a Shriner. He bought the Memphis Red Sox of the Colored American League about 25 years ago, and spent much time and money to see that Memphis continued to have a team in the league.

He built the Martin Stadium in 1947 and was vice-president of the Colored American League. His only recreation was attending Red Sox games.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Eva Cartman Martin; three brothers, Dr. A. T. Martin, a physician, and Dr. B. B. Martin, a dentist, both of Memphis, and Dr. J. B. Martin, a pharmacist and trustee of Sanitary District of Chicago.

Rev. J. T. Lewis,  
Real Estate Man  
Was Ill Long Time

Rev. John T. Lewis, Sr., the founder of the J. T. Lewis Real Estate Company, with offices at 300 Fourth Avenue, North, died the victim of cancer, it was stated. Rev. Lewis was a Baptist minister, pastor of the church at La Guardia, Tenn. He died on Thursday of last week. His funeral was held Monday afternoon of this week.

The father of a number of intelligent and industrious children, Rev. Lewis was himself quite an industrious and wide-awake citizen.

His membership was with Pleasant Green Baptist Church. He was a native of Springfield, Tenn., but he had been a fine citizen of Nashville for a number of years.

Rev. Lewis' survivors are: wife,

Mrs. Esther L. Lewis; daughter, Mrs. Mary Cokley of Tuskegee, Ala.; Mrs. Theodore Lewis and Miss Rose N. Lewis; sons, Theodore, John T., Jr., and Kenneth Lewis; a brother, Rev. Will Lewis; sisters, Mrs. Fannie Fort, Springfield; Mrs. Sarah Swanson, Mrs. Goldena Yates of Springfield, and Mrs. Alice Buchanan; brothers, Joe, James Tillman, Jesse, and Elzedeon Lewis; aunt, Mrs. Oda Hilliard and other relatives.

Rev. Lewis was a native of Springfield, Tenn. He was educated in the public school of Robertson County. He also attended Roger Williams and A&I State University.

He graduated from the Fisk University Minister's School. He was ordained at Howard University, an associate minister of Pleasant Green Baptist Church, also first gree was awarded by Meharry in 1926, and has been on the school's staff ever since.

The Rev. A. L. Porter officiated at Rev. Lewis' funeral. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. Patterson Bros. had charge of arrangements.

### Was Well Known in Baseball

## Dr. W. S. Martin Dies in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Dr. W. S. Martin, founder and president of Collins Chapel Hospital and owner of the Memphis Red Sox, died here Saturday morning at the hospital following an illness of 18 months.

The well-known doctor and sportsman was a member of Collins Chapel CME Church and was a 33rd degree Mason.

Besides his widow, the former Eva Cartman, he also is mourned by three brothers—Dr. J. B. Martin of Chicago, and Drs. A. T. and B. B. Martin of this city.

## Dr. John Cuff

### Dies in Nashville

NASHVILLE — (AP) — Dr. John R. Cuff, professor and chairman of the department of pathology at Meharry Medical College died here last week. He had a distinguished record in his profession. He was a Diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners, a Diplomat of the American Board of Pathology and was the author of a number of papers which appeared in medical journals.

His premedical training was at Howard University, graduating in 1922. His M. D. degree was awarded by Meharry in 1926, and he has been on the school's staff ever since.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mildred Cuff, a son, Percy, and a daughter, Mrs. Joan Sim-

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# Dr. Walker Paid Glowing Tribute

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Leaders from a score of states came here Friday and paid tribute to the late Dr. Joseph E. Walker at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church.

Both the young and old of the church and the adjoining education building were filled to capacity when final rites began. Among those present were Charles Green, of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, and A. G. Gaston, Birmingham, Ala., business man.

Included in statements on behalf of Dr. Walker were three resolutions drawn by firms and religious orders. They were:

1. A resolution on behalf of the National Christian Missionary Convention, read by Emmett Dickerson.

2. A resolution on behalf of the Tri-State Bank, read by Mrs. Francis Hassell.

3. A resolution on behalf of the Universal Life Insurance Company, read by Mrs. Ola B. Mairely.

These resolutions followed an eloquent tribute by Elder Blair T. Hunt, who also officiated at the burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Reflecting sadness in his personal knowledge of the slain business, church and civic leader, Elder Hunt declared:

"Man is at his best when he is on his knees praying to God. Dr. Walker was indeed a praying man. America knows of him as a business genius, political leader and a philanthropist, but I want to speak of him as a praying man."

Elder Hunt's prepared remarks continued:

"All great subjects have sharp outlines, easier to discern and readily lent to description. It has been my pleasure to serve as Dr. Walker's pastor for the last 36 years. He has never missed a church service during that time except for the times he was ill or absent from the city."

Dr. Walker was described during his pre-medical school days as a dark brown young man with a "determined jaw and sturdy eyes." Elder Hunt told how Walker's mother and grandmother had "wrapped their hearts around him and reared him as the symbol of their hopes."

## AMBITION YOUTH

"At the turn of the century," the eulogy continued, "it was understandable to find an intelligent, ambitious young Negro man who aspired to be a preacher and who

was willing to go to school to learn more about his calling. But in those days, for a Negro boy, with a rural upbringing and a cotton farm heritage, to have a desire to be a doctor was something most extraordinary and moving."

Elder Hunt said the highlight of Dr. Walker's leaving for medical school at Meharry was how he requested his mother and grandmother to pray with him; how he requested his "grandma take the lead, because I think you can get to God quicker and closer."

In conclusion, the Hunt eulogy declared:

"Dr. Walker left us in the midst of a fruitful life. I think he would have said with the poet . . . : 'Let me live Out My Years In Heat of Blood!'

Let Me Die Drunken with the Dreamer's Wine!

Snuffed Out Just At The Hey Dey Let Not This Soul House Built of Mud

Go Toppling To The Dust—A Vacant Shrine'

Let Me Go Quickly Like a Candle-Light.

Snuffed Out Just At The Hey Dey Of Its Glow

Give Me High Noon—And Let It Then Be Night

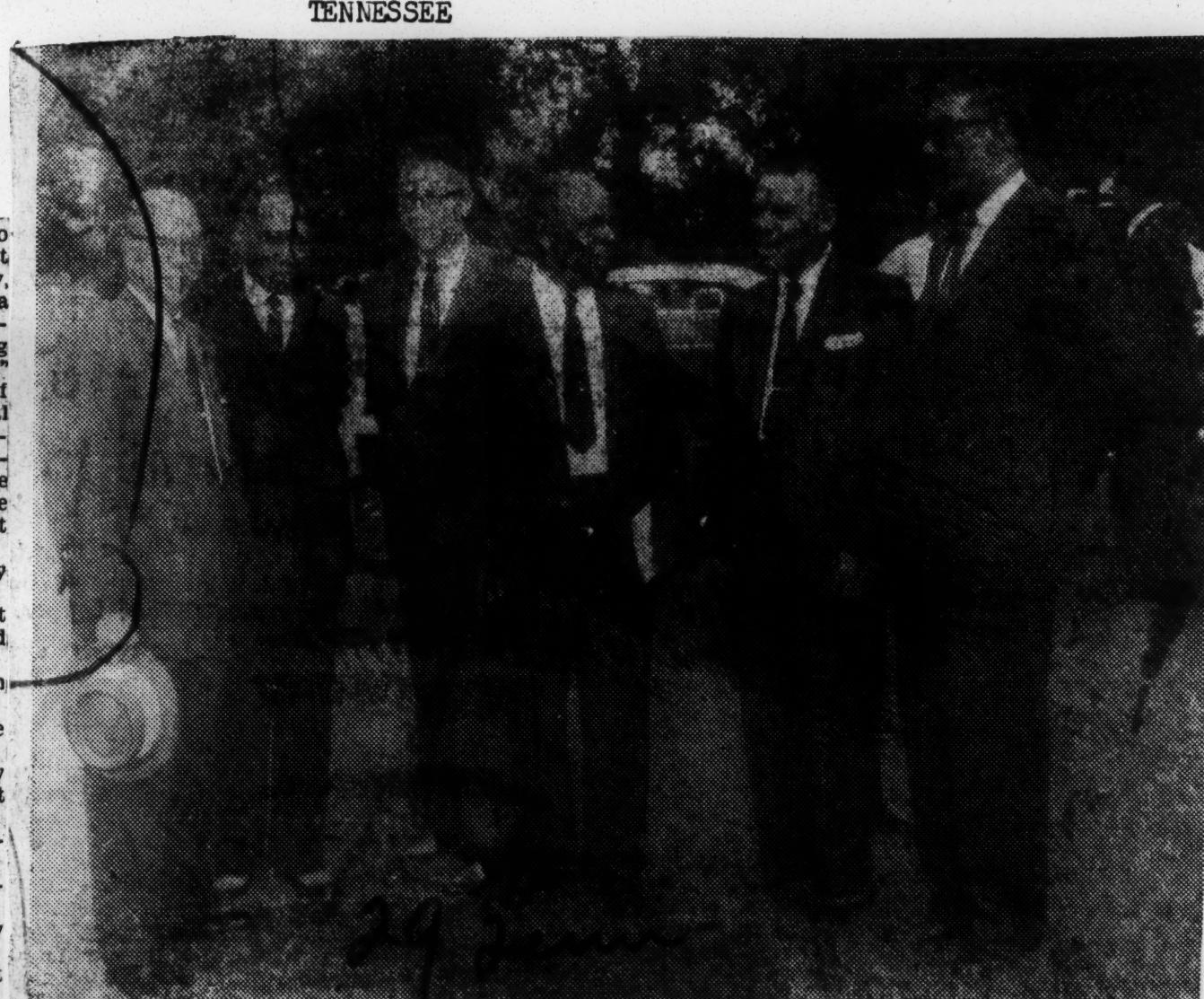
Thus—Would I Go."

Two soloists listed on the funeral program were: Miss Emmalene Wilson, "Well Done" and Joseph Jackson, "Abide With Me." Other programmed numbers were:

Scripture by Rev. J. A. McDaniel, pastor of Bethel Presbyterian church and prayer by J. L. Hooks, pastor of Middle Baptist church; brief remarks, representatives from Universal Life Insurance Company, and the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Interment was in Elwood cemetery under direction of the T. H. Hayes and Sons Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Louise Walker; a daughter, Mrs. Johnetta W. Kelso, a son, A. Maceo Walker Sr., two granddaughters, a grandson, nieces, nephews and cousins.



INSURANCE EXECUTIVES WHO ATTENDED THE FUNERAL FOR DR. J. E. WALKER—Asa T. Spaulding of Durham, N. C.; George W. Lee of Memphis Branch of Atlanta Life Insurance; Murray J. Marvin of Chicago; J. A. Batts of Jacksonville, Fla.; Charles E. Greene of Atlanta, Ga.; and Atty. B. J. Johnson of New Orleans.

(Staff Photo)

## NAACP Mourns Atlanta Woes The Death Of Atlanta, See Dr. J. E. Walker

NEW YORK—Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, hails Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis insurance leader, as "an outstanding citizen of the nation and a pioneer in building the economic strength of his people," in a telegram of condolence to the slain man's son, A. Maceo Walker.

Dr. Walker, chairman of the board of directors of the Universal Life Insurance Company and president of the Tri-State Bank of Memphis, was shot to death on July 28 by a long time associate

allegedly because of a grudge. He was a life member of the NAACP and a supporter of the Association's branch in Memphis.

In his telegram, Wilkins extended "deepest sympathy" on behalf of the NAACP.

MEMPHIS — Among the many resolutions sent to the Walker family by various organizations, expressing "regret at the tragic death of Dr. J. E. Walker," was one from the local Urban League, signed by the executive director, Rev. J. A. McDaniel; and one from the Beale Street Rescue Mission, Inc., signed by James L. Gleese, superintendent; Jimmy Stroud, superintendent of Memphis Union Mission, and Cooper Taylor, president of the board of directors.

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# Dr. Walker Paid Atlanta World Glowing Tribute

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Leaders from a score of states came here Friday and paid tribute to the late Dr. Joseph E. Walker at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church.

Both the main auditorium of the church and the adjoining education building were filled to capacity when final rites began at 1 p.m. Among those present were Charles Green, of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, and A. G. Gaston, Birmingham, Ala., business man.

Included in statements on behalf of Dr. Walker were three resolutions drawn by firms and religious orders. They were:

1. A resolution on behalf of the National Christian Missionary Convention, read by Emmett Dickerson

2. A resolution on behalf of the Tri-State Bank, read by Mrs. Francis Fassell.

3. A resolution on behalf of the Universal Life Insurance Company, read by Mrs. Ola B. Mairely.

These resolutions followed an eloquent tribute by Elder Blair T. Hunt, who also officiated at the burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Reflecting sadness in his personal knowledge of the slain business, church and civic leader, Elder Hunt declared:

"Man is at his best when he is on his knees praying to God. Dr. Walker was indeed a praying man. America knows of him as a business genius, political leader and a philanthropist, but I want to speak of him as a praying man."

Elder Hunt's prepared remarks continued:

"All great subjects have sharp outlines, easier to discern and readily lent to description. It has been my pleasure to serve as Dr. Walker's pastor for the last 36 years. He has never missed a church service during that time except for the times he was ill or absent from the city."

Dr. Walker was described during his pre-medical school days as a dark brown young man with a "determined jaw and sturdy eyes." Elder Hunt told how Walker's mother and grandmother had wrapped their hearts around him and reared him as the symbol of their hopes."

## AMBITIOUS YOUTH

"At the turn of the century," the eulogy continued, "it was understandable to find an intelligent, ambitious young Negro man who aspired to be a preacher and who was willing to go to school to learn more about his calling. But in those days, for a Negro boy,

# Tennessee State University Senior Engineer Was Buried Monday Afternoon

Funeral Services for Joseph R. Marks were held Monday, July 14, 1958, at 2 p.m. in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Forty-eight-year-old Marks, who was chief stationary engineer for Tennessee State University, died unexpectedly at his campus residence Thursday night, July 10.

Rev. William A. Alexander, of St. Andrews officiated and interment was at the family plot in Greenwood cemetery. The family received friends at the Gunter funeral home, Sunday, July 13 from 8 to 10 p.m. The Nashville Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity held a public ritualistic service at 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

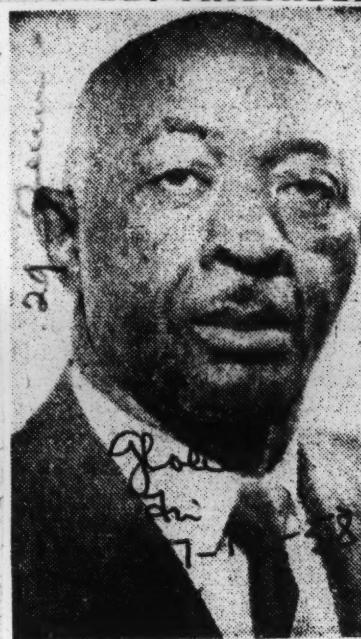
Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Marguerite Goodall Marks; a foster daughter, Marguerite Jewell Lindsay; mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Goodall; uncles, John and Freeman Marks of South Pittsburgh, Tenn.; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. E. W. Mayo.

Mr. Marks came to the university as a student 30 years ago from his home in Winchester, Tenn. and rose from a farm work-aid student to chief stationary engineer. During his 20 years as senior engineer, Mr. Marks helped design the University's ultra-modern 7-year-old steam heating plant and the 2-year-old campus steam and water distribution systems.

He was one of the top men in his field, a good organizer and excellent administrator," Dr. W. S. Davis, University president, related. "To me, he was a loyal, personal friend," he continued.

While majoring in Agriculture and Industrial education, Mr. Marks played guard on the football team when Dr. Davis coached the team in the early thirties. As a faculty member, his quiet dignity, unselfishness, confidence and open-voiced generosity earned him the affectionate nickname, "Pop Marks" with students for more than two decades and made him a legendary figure among alumni.

Active pallbearers were William Gilchrist, William D. Stinson, J. Cecil Hardy, Erskine W. Lytle, Jr., Neal McAlpine, and Howard Taylor. Members of the Nashville Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity along with the Deans and Elders of St. Andrews church served as honorary pallbearers.



JOSEPH R. MARKS

29 1958

# Hemorrhage Attack Fatal To Mentor

Local Rites Held Thursday;

Body To Grambling, La

HOUSTON — Edward H. Adams, 61, died at 1:15 a.m. Wednesday in St. Elizabeth Hospital of cerebral hemorrhage. Mr. Adams was admitted in his 1:00-2:00 o'clock class but insisted on being carried home instead of to a hospital. His condition became worse, however, and he was rushed to St. Elizabeth's where, except for brief rallying moments in which he recognized and talked to his wife, Gene, he neither spoke nor moved. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 26, 1 o'clock at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Rev. John D. Moore officiating. Burial will be held in Grambling, La. Friday, McCoy and Morrison Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Adams was born in Grambling, La., August 17, 1910. He was graduated from the Lincoln Parish high school in Grambling in 1929 and entered Tuskegee Institute where during his four years he lettered in football, basketball and track. He completed his graduate work at State University of Iowa, from which he received the MA degree and at New York University where he completed course and residence requirements for the D. Ed. degree.

Had he lived, Adams, who had been drilling his basketball players at night and coaching football in the afternoon would have been starting his tenth year as head basketball coach at TSU, where his teams have won international recognition.

TEXAS  
plied, "I owe all my success to an outstanding group of talented, unselfish, hard-working basketball players. It is the players who make the team whatever it is. Anyone who has followed Adams' success as a coach knows he meant every word he said.

It was at North Carolina College that he started and coached the first basketball team ever assembled at the college. After a two-year stint this growing college, he returned to Tuskegee Institute as head basketball and baseball coach and assistant coach. There he coached for thirteen years, turning out some of the nation's top teams. During this period he completed the amazing record of 382 wins and only 99 losses. He won four conference championships in basketball during this period. In baseball, his teams compiled a record of 115 victories against only 13 defeats and won the 1956 conference championship four times.

Since 1953 Adams' TSU teams have won consecutive conference championships. In 1956 conference championship four NAIA Tip-Off Tournament were NAIA finalists in 1953 and semi-finalists in 1958. His 1958 wife, Gene Woods Adams, two teams established a tourney record for the highest number of sons, Laverene, and Kenneth points scored in an individual nettie 6, two brothers. Henry game when they trounced Adams, Bastrop, La. and Ralph Georgetown University 121-101. Adams, Portland, Oregon; two Coach Adams loved the game sisters, Fidelia Johnson, Grambling, La. and Theresa Garney, his father Charles P. Adams of Gramblers who literally lived in his home. He jokingly referred to them as "his descendants." Adams was a strict believer in physical conditioning and somehow his players love it. His fast breaking teams were colorful to watch in action and his players worship this type of game. He was an avid student of the game, a great handler of his players. It goes without saying that all who knew him liked him.

The "Converse Yearbook" lists him as the second winningest coach in the nation with a record of 644 games won, 152 lost out of 796 played, for an unbelievable percentage of .811.

When asked before the 1958 season drills got underway, what factors have contributed to his success as a coach, he re-

## Mrs. Evans Is Buried At PVSC

PRAIRIE VIEW, Tex. — Final rites for Mrs. Lucille O. Evans, wife of Prairie View's president, Dr. E. B. Evans, were held at the St. Francis Episcopal Church with the Rev. Charles F. Hood officiating.

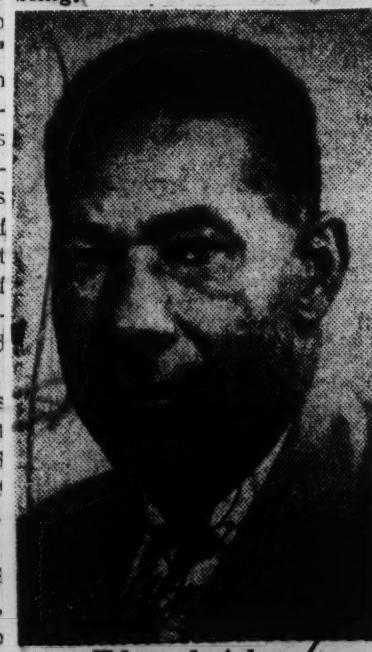
A deluge of telegrams, flowers and cards of condolences from across the nation flooded the Prairie View A&M College campus even as funeral services were being held.

Prominent members of educational, fraternal and civic circles filed by the beautiful casket paying their last respects to the highly regarded deceased.

Mrs. Evans was a 1928 graduate of the college and was also active in religious, cultural and community affairs of the college during her periods of good health.

In addition to her widow, immediate survivors are a son, Edward B. Jr., of Houston, Tex., a daughter, Mrs. Ada Louise Canady of Los Angeles, a brother, Fisher Lewis of Chicago, and three grandchildren, Michael, Edward Bertram III, and Cathy.

Interment was at Los Angeles under the direction of the St. Angelus Funeral Home.



Edward Adams

## Acting Pres. Of Mary Allen Col. Eulogized

Impressive Services Held At First B. C., Rev. M. S. Houston Officiating

LUFKIN, TEXAS.

(Special To The Union-Review)

The funeral services of Prof. T. Washington were held Friday January 17, 1958 at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Moses S. Houston officiated.

Prof. Washington was born January 18, 1897 in Bay City, Texas. His parents were Frank and Ellen Washington. He completed Eleme-



PROF. J. T. WASHINGTON

tary School at Hillard High School of Bay City. He received his High School Diploma and A.B. Degree at Conroe College. Prof. Washington worker on a M.A. Degree at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee. He received a B. S. Degree from Prairie View College in 1936, and a M. S. Degree from Prairie View in 1943. Prof. Washington did work toward a Ph. D. Degree at the University of Michigan.

For two years he was Dean of Instruction at Royal College at Conroe, Texas, three years as Dean of Conroe College. In 1929 he went to Bessmay Junior High School

where he served as Principal for 17 years. Moving to Lufkin, Texas in 1946, Prof. Washington served as Principal of Dunbar Junior and Senior High School for 6 years. In 1953 he was appointed as Superintendent of Forestville School District 2. He served in this capacity for two years. Served as Dean of Mary Allen College three years, and was acting President at the time of his death.

Prof. Washington was an active church worker and was willing to serve anywhere in the church and at any time he was called on. He served as teacher of the Men's Bible Class, Chairman of the Trustee Board, teacher of Brotherhood, and served on the Deacon Board.

Prof. Washington leaves to mourn, a wife, Mrs. Ruth S. Washington, a son J. T. Washington, Jr. Principal, Call Elementary School Kirbyville, Texas; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth E. Hayes, Instructor at the Franklin Junior High School, Long Beach, California; Mrs. Phyllis C. Washington, Private Music Instructor, Bay City, Texas; A daughter-in-law, Mrs. Janie Washington, two son-in-laws, Mr. Joe D. Washington and Mr. Alvin L. Hayes, one brother, Mr. Edway Travis Washington, Veteran's Hospital, Waco, Texas, seven grandchildren, Cherye Denise, Joe Dan, Jr., Pertrilla, Alvin, Jr., Tome' Kenneth Antoine, J. T. Jr. III, two aunts Mrs. Lillie Williams and Hattie Green of Bay City, Texas, two uncles Levi Washington, and Joseph Allen, Relations; and many friends.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends for your kind words of sympathy, telegrams, and flowers at the sudden passing of Prof. J. T. Washington.

Mrs. Ruth S. Washington and Children

The church service of the First Baptist Church was well attended despite the inclement weather. The theme for the morning message was "Fellowship of the Church." The text was taken from Acts 40:42.

Visitors present were Mrs. Ella V. Young, of Houston, Texas.

## Rev. Frederick R. Barnwell, <sup>Former</sup> ~~Former~~ <sup>Associate, Rev.</sup> Omega Nat'l Figure, Dies

Feb. 22-38

FORT WORTH — Rev. Frederick Rivers Barnwell, 75, 1328 Louisiana, who died Wednesday February 5, following an illness of two years, about 530 p.m. was memorialized Monday February 11. He was the retired Assistant Pastor of the Andrews Methodist Church and Omega Psi Phi's Ninth District Representative for the past twenty years.

A native of South Carolina, he was born at Beaufort, S. C. January 11, 1883, and attended public schools there. Later, he matriculated at Lincoln University, Chester County, Pa., where he earned the following degrees AB, STB, and D.D.

His work of over thirty years with the American Humane Education Association, Boston, Mass., began in 1915, a post he held until retirement. In 1919, he accepted a position with the Texas Tuberculosis Association Austin, Tex., and retired in this position.

The travel and ministry through doing a good job helping others endeared him to thousands of school children and teachers as well as college students throughout the state of Texas for more than years.

As a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., he was initiated by Theta Chapter, Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, in 1932 and he became a charter member of Epsilon Alpha Chapter, Fort Worth, Texas in 1935. In 1938 he was chosen to lead the Ninth District of Omega Psi Phi comprising the states of Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas, with Arkansas becoming a member of the district in 1955, where he served as District Representative until his demise.

Honors of a thirty-second degree Mason were conferred on him, and he made numerous educational, civic, religious, social and cultural contributions state that he loved.

The national fraternity and Ninth District honored him with the coveted Outstanding Omega Of The Year award in 1956 and 1957, and he was chosen by his chapter - Epsilon Alpha for the same honors during the last National Achievement Week Observance.

In 1942, he became Assistant Pastor of the St Andrews Methodist Church where he served until his retirement during the 1957 annual conference. Rev. L. L. Hayes is pastor.

His estate included valuable real estate holdings and a combination business-apartment building that bears his name. He was married 46 years ago to the former Miss Mable Motte, of Charlestown, S. C. They are parents of seven children

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He was active in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and was ninth district representative for 20 years. His unprecedented rise in the history of the fraternity places him in the category of the brothers who have distinguished themselves above and beyond the call of duty. He was known to 18,000 Omega men throughout the country as "The Dean".

He was a mason and made contributions in education, civic, social, cultural and religious circles. He received numerous honors.

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## Final Rites Daily World Churchman

Feb. 19-58

FORT WORTH, Texas — Funeral services were held last week for the Rev. Frederick Rivers Barnwell, retired assistant pastor and former ninth district representative of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, who died Feb. 5 at his residence after a two-year illness. He was 75.

Services were held in Andrews Methodist Church where Rev. Barnwell had been assistant pastor.

A native of Beaufort, S. C., Rev. Barnwell received the AB, STB and DD degrees from Lincoln Uni-

## Paid Retired Atlanta, Ga. Frat Official

versity at Chester County, Pa. In 1913 he was named dean of the I & M College at Lake Como, Fort Worth. For more than 30 years he worked with the American Humane Education Association in Boston, Mass.

Upon retirement from this post he accepted a position with the Texas Tuberculosis Association at Austin, Texas.

Being a musician and music lover, Rev. Barnwell was best known through his songs and philosophies about health and cleanliness as effecting Negro youth and it was through his efforts that a week was



# Was Leader In Omega Fraternity

3-21-58

**FORT WORTH**, Texas — Funeral services for the Rev. Frederick Rivers Barnwell, 75, were held recently at St. Andrews Methodist church here where he had been assistant pastor for some 15 years.

The minister died in his home after a two-year illness. He was well known in civic, religious, educational and fraternal circles.

At the time of his death, Rev. Barnwell was Ninth district representative of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, a post he had held for 20 years.

Born at Beaufort, S. C., Jan. 11, 1883, Rev. Barnwell attended public schools there. Later, he matriculated at Lincoln (Pa.) university, where he earned the following degrees — A.B., S. T. B., and D.D.

He moved his family to Kountze, Hardin County, Texas, in 1911 where he stayed until assigned as Dean of the I&M college, Lake Como, Fort Worth, Texas, in 1913.

The minister's work of over 30 years with the American Humane Education Association, Boston, Mass., began in 1915, a post he held until retirement. In 1919, he accepted a position with the Texas Tuberculosis Association, Austin, Texas, and retired in this position.

#### MUSIC LOVER

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the Ninth District of Omega Psi Phi comprising the states of Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas, with Arkansas becoming a member of the district in 1955. He served as district representative until his death.

The annual Ninth District Scholarship was named in his honor. Active in his own local chapter, he served as basileus in 1943 through 1945 and held the post of chaplain in 1946.

Some 18,000 Omega men throughout the United States and abroad affectionately called him, "The Dean."

Honors of a 32nd degree Mason were conferred on the minister and he made numerous educational, civic, religious, social and cultural contributions to the city, community and state that he loved. Each year a Barnwell Citizenship award is given to the outstanding high school graduating senior who has excelled in citizenship during the four years.

**CITED IN '57**

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His estate included valuable real estate holdings and a combination business-apartment building that bears his name.

Forty-six years ago, he married Miss Mable Motte, Charlestown, S. C., and to the union seven children were born and all survive him. They are: Mrs. Evangeline Morris, Oakland, Calif., and Mrs. Mable Omega Lewis; Frederick Rivers Barnwell, Jr., William Motte Barnwell, Dr. Almon Angell

Barnwell, Charlotte, N. C., Specialist Third Class Henry Lewith

Barnwell, U. S. Army, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and JOHN Erwin Barnwell, Psychiatrist, San Diego, Calif.

Other survivors include two sisters, one brother, 21 grandchildren and a host of friends of both races.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 11, 1958, from the St. Andrews Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. L. L. Haynes, officiating. Pinkston Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements and interment was at Peoples' Burial Park.

## W. C. Hannah Of Port Arthur Dies

**PORT ARTHUR** — Willie G (Bluchie) Hannah, Port Arthur resident, businessman and brother of Mack H. Hannah, Jr. Chairman of the Board of Directors at TSU, died February 8, in the M. D. Anderson Hospital, Houston. Son of Mack H. Hannah, Sr. and Daisy L. Hannah of Port Arthur. Mr. Hannah had been ill for several months prior.

**Dr. A. B. Borders, Fort Worth Doctor, Commits Suicide**

**FORT WORTH**, Texas — Dr. Arthur Berry Borders, 65, one of Fort Worth's best known physicians, was found shot to death Sunday morning in the garage of his home, 1234 E. Tucker street.

Dr. Borders' death was termed suicide by Justice of the Peace James Boorman.

Mrs. Borders found the body of her husband when she returned from church about 11 a.m. The shot from a .41 caliber revolver penetrated the doctor's head through the right ear. The revolver was found lying beside the body.

Mrs. Borders said her husband, who had practiced medicine here for about 40 years, had been despondent the past several years because of his failing eyesight.

Beside his wife, the doctor is survived by a daughter, Mrs. June Brown of California.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning from Mt. Gilead Baptist church. The Rev. C. C.

Harper, pastor, officiated. The Baker Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.



DR. A. B. BORDERS

## BOOKER WASHINGTON'S FORMER SON-IN-LAW DIES IN HOSPITAL

**DALLAS**, Texas Dr. Sidney Pittman a pioneer citizen, died Friday morning in a local hospital, following a short illness. He was married at one time to the former Miss Portia Washington, the only daughter of Booker T. Washington, founder of the famous Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. They were the parents of three children, Booker Washington Pittman, Sidney Pittman, Jr., and Mrs. Fannie Pittman Kennedy.

Some years ago Mr. Pittman was an outstanding architect and was architect for the Pythian Temple, of which Dallas was very proud. At one time he was editor and publisher of a newspaper, Brotherhood Eyes. He was 82 years old. At press time the date and time had not been set for the funeral services which will be held at McGowans new funeral home on South Ervay Street.

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE MOURNS DEATH OF OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

Tuskegee Institute is today mourning the loss of one of its graduates who brought great credit to his Alma Mater in the field of Inter-Collegiate Athletics. Word was received early this morning of the sudden death of Edward H. Adams, a 1934 graduate of Tuskegee Institute, a four-year letter man in Basketball, Football, and Track, an All-American and All-Conference Selection, a former Dean of Men, Head Basketball Coach and Backfield Coach under the late Major Cleve L. Abbott.

Mr. Adams died suddenly at his home in Houston, Texas, where he and his family have resided for the past ten years. He has been basketball coach at Texas Southern University and a member of the Physical Education staff there since leaving Tuskegee Institute.

A native of Grambling, Louisiana, Mr. Adams came from a family which holds close ties with Tuskegee Institute. His mother was the daughter of the late Mr. Lewis Adams, who with Mr. George W. Campbell, sent for Booker T. Washington to come to Tuskegee to establish a normal school. His father, Mr. Charles P. Adams, was an early graduate of Tuskegee Institute who went to Grambling, Louisiana and founded an off-shoot of Tuskegee which developed into one of the most promising institutions in the Southwest. He is now President Emeritus of Grambling College and resides nearby.

The Adams and Driver families, kinsmen to the deceased on his mother's side, have long been associated with the work of Tuskegee Institute and the V A. Hospital. All of Mr. Charles P. Adams' children attended Tuskegee Institute. In addition to a Bachelors degree from Tuskegee Institute, Edward Adams earned a Master's degree in Physical Education from the University of Iowa in 1936 and later completed residence requirements for his doctorate at New York University.

He has had notable success with his basketball teams, having entered and won championships in mixed tournaments for the past several years. He was among the first coaches from predominantly Negro colleges to produce players who were taken into Professional Basketball.

Administration, faculty and friends are saddened by Mr. Adams' death and extend their sympathies to the bereaved.



*Dr McMillan  
Former  
Dies At 83*

DALLAS —

Dr W. R. McMillan of 2902 State Street, a prominent physician and founder of the McMillan Sanitarium, died Tuesday morning at a local hospital, following a long illness. He had been in the hospital one month to the date of his death.

Born in Wood County, Texas, he was graduated from Meharry College in 1906 with high honors. He came to Dallas and built the McMillan Sanitarium and distinguished himself in

*Mrs. Lucille O. Evans*

*Prairie View*  
**FINAL RITES FOR  
MRS. E. B. EVANS  
HELD AUGUST 23**

*Prairie View*  
Final rites for Mrs. Lucille O. Evans, wife of Prairie View's President, Dr. E. B. Evans, were held at the St. Francis Episcopal Church with the Reverend Charles F. Hood officiating, last Saturday, August 23, 1958.

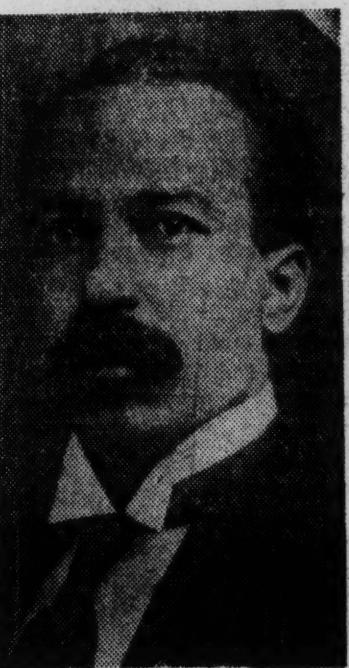
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Mrs. Evans was a 1926 graduate of the college and was also active in religious, cultural and community affairs of the college during her periods of good health.

In addition to her husband, immediate survivors are, a son, Edward B. Evans, Jr., of Houston, Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Ada Louise Canady, L. M. Oliver of Newark, Ohio, of Los Angeles, California; a brother and Mrs. Ollie Lee Mason of Mr. Fisher Lewis of Chicago, Illinois; one brother, Rev. K. W. and three grandchildren, Michael, Edward McMillan, of Ft. Worth, Ward Bertram, III, and Cathy.

*Prairie View*  
Interment was at Los Angeles, California under the direction of the St. Angelus Funeral Home, Jefferson Boulevard.



DR. McMILLAN

## First Jeanes Fund Supervisor Passes

RICHMOND, Va. — (NNPA) — Funeral services for Miss Virginia E. Randolph, 88, who died at her home here Sunday, were held Tuesday at Moore Street Baptist Church. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Miss Randolph, who taught here for more than 57 years, retired in 1948 as a supervisor of education in the colored schools in Henrico County.

Miss Randolph was appointed in 1908 as the first supervisor for the Jeanes Fund, established by Anna T. Jeanes, a Philadelphia Quaker, to be used in work in rural colored schools in the South. She served as Jeanes supervisor in Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina.

The Virginia Randolph School at Glen Allen was named for her. She was appointed by former Governor Peery to the board of directors for the state's industrial schools for colored children.

Born in Richmond of slave parents, she was educated at the Bacon School and the City Normal School.

After Career Of 57 Years

## Miss Virginia Randolph Dies: Pioneer Educator

Special to Journal and Guide

RICHMOND — Funeral services for Miss Virginia E. Randolph, internationally known educator, were conducted last Tuesday at Moore Street Baptist Church.

Miss Randolph, 88, died Sunday at her home.

When she retired in 1948 as supervisor of Negro education in Henrico county, she ended an active career that covered 57 years.

The daughter of slave parents, Miss Randolph became a pioneer in teaching students to use their hands as well as their minds.

MISS RANDOLPH began her work at the old Mountain Road School in Henrico county. By 1908 her work had become so well known until she was appointed the first Jeanes Fund teacher and supervisor of the entire county.

Of her it was often said: "She is a leader by being a servant to all." Miss Randolph's reputation soon spread around the world.

IN 1926 SHE was awarded the William E. Harmon award for distinguished achievements in education. Miss Randolph served on the board of directors for the state's industrial schools for Negroes.

Named in her honor is the Virginia Randolph School at Glen Allen, Va. Miss Randolph was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.



MISS VIRGINIA RANDOLPH  
Claimed By Death

## Mrs. Alma Givens Dies; Organized NMA Group

NORFOLK — Impressive funeral services for Mrs. Alma Wells Givens, wife of Dr. John T. Givens, were conducted last Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Richard B. Martin officiated and burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Givens died in Norfolk Community Hospital after a brief illness.

She was an organizer of the Women's Auxiliary to the National Medical Association, and was honorary president of the group. Dr. Givens is executive secretary of the NMA.

Mrs. Givens was also a charter member of the Women's Interracial Council and in that capacity had been active in working with children and the schools. She was active in church work at Grace Episcopal Church.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., she was educated at Howard University, Washington, and at Spellman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. Her late mother, Mrs. Josie E. Wells, was for many years a physician in Nashville.

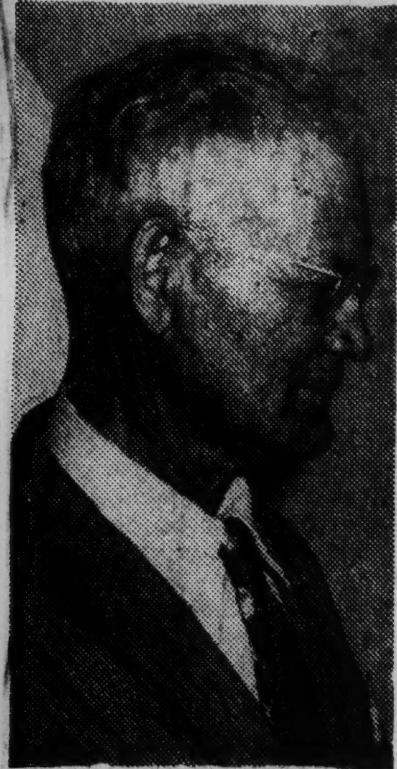
Besides her husband, Mrs. Givens is survived by a son, Dr. John D. Givens, Chicago, Ill. and a daughter, Mrs. Alma Wells Evans of New York City.



MRS. ALMA W. GIVENS  
Succumbs

# Funeral Services Held For Pioneer Businessman

Robert C. Davis, veteran Norfolk businessman and one of the founders of the \$1½ million Berkley Citizens Building and Loan Association, died at a Norfolk hospital.



**ROBERT C. DAVIS**  
succumbs

tal, Wednesday morning of a recurring illness.

He was 75 years of age.

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m., Friday, May 23 at First Baptist Church, Berkley, with the pastor-emeritus, the Rev. J. C. Diamond, officiating.

MR. DAVIS was born in the south central sector of Virginia but moved with his parents to Richmond at an early age. In 1899 he enrolled in Hampton Institute, completing a course there in machine practice.

For several years he worked in the sheet metal business and came to South Norfolk after plying his trade in machine shops in North Carolina and Virginia.

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IT WAS AT South Norfolk that he set up the sheet and metal business he operated successfully until his retirement from the business some 9 years ago, *5-31-58*

In the meantime, Mr. Davis had helped found a savings and loan association in 1910 along with 24 other men who had started a 25 cents-a-week savings club. It was from this humble beginning that the Berkley Citizens Building and Loan Association sprang. The association was incorporated in 1913 with \$5,000 and today is worth more than \$1½ million.

MR. DAVIS WAS president of the association for 35 years and stepped down from the presidency in February, 1957. He was still a valuable consultant and member of the association board of directors at the time of his death.

He is survived by a son, Robert C., Jr., of Norfolk, and a daughter, of Atlanta. He made his home at 1111 Wilson road, Norfolk.

# Dr. A. G. Macklin, educator, buried

PETERSBURG, Va.—Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Gillfield Baptist Church, Petersburg, for Dr. A. G. Macklin, director of the division of basic education at Virginia State College, who died at his home in West Chesterfield Heights, Colonial Heights, Va., on Oct. 2.

A native of Roanoke, Dr. Macklin received his collegiate education at Virginia Union University, the University of Michigan, and Ohio State University where he received the Ph.D. degree.

He became a member of the faculty of Virginia State College in 1939 after serving as principal of the Addison High School in Roanoke.

He was also a high school counsellor for the Virginia State College. In 1951 became director of the newly created division of basic education.

He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Phi Kappa honorary scholastic fraternities, Mystic Order of Shrine, Omega Psi Phi and Sigma Pi Phi fraternities. He was a life member in the Virginia Teachers Association, the National Educational Association.

Dr. Macklin was the author of numerous syllabi and articles on curriculum and the improvement of instruction.

He was a contributor to the National Education Association publication "Guidance and Counselling in General Education."

He was a member of the committee appointed by Virginia State Superintendent of Public Instruction which planned the general education requirements for all Virginia colleges.

He was listed by the U.S. Office of Education as a leader in general education in America. He was the former chairman of the Commission on Colleges and Universities, Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

He is listed in Who's Who in

South and Southwest America and in Who's Who in American Education.

**IN COMMENTING** on Dr. Macklin's death President Robert P. Daniel said: "Virginia State College has suffered a severe loss in the sudden passing of Dr. A. G. Macklin, director of the division of basic education.

"A zealous, scholarly, and effective teacher and administrator, Dr. Macklin will long be remembered for the great contributions that he made in furthering education in Virginia and in the nation.

"He was an authority in the field of general education."

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Hortense Tonsler Macklin; a daughter, Miss Angela Macklin of Petersburg; his mother, Mrs. Pauline Macklin of Roanoke; a sister, Mrs. Nelia Jones of Roanoke; three brothers, Theodore and Albert Macklin of Roanoke and Joseph Macklin of Washington, D.C.

# Deaths

## Was State's First Worker

### Mrs. Paige Recreation

### Pioneer Dies; Rites Set

*Journal-Suicide*  
Mrs. Lillian Marcella La

Paige, who was Virginia's first authorized colored recreation worker, died at a local hospital Wednesday morning after a lingering illness. She was 72.

Mrs. Paige was known locally and throughout the state as the "mother" of colored recreation, having begun her career in the field over 50 years ago at the old Norfolk Mission college site on Princess Anne road. Prior to that, Mrs. Paige had supervised community recreation with her own home as the center of the activities.

*Sat. 12-7-3-58*  
IN ADDITION to her public service, Mrs. Paige also took an active part in civic work, being instrumental in the organization of many of the city's organizations and clubs.

She was a Norfolk native, the daughter of the late Marshall and Mrs. Sophia Harris Land, and the wife of Attorney R. L. G. Paige, II.

SHE WAS ALSO the daughter-in-law of R. G. L. Paige, who was the first colored lawyer in Virginia and who was a member of the state legislature from 1871 to 1875 and from 1879 to 1892 representing Norfolk county.

Impressive last rites were conducted Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. from the First United Presbyterian church with the pastor, the Rev. Otis J. Wynn, officiating.

**MRS. PAIGE** was a long-time member and an active pa-

tron of the church.

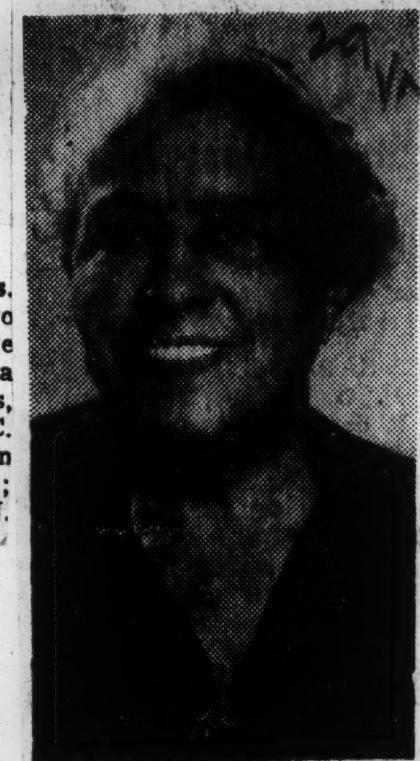
Besides her husband, Mrs. Paige is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Joycelyn Paige Carter and Miss Onezima Nokomis Paige; four sons, R. G. L. Paige III, Kenswil C. Paige, Dutrelle L. Paige, Gwenelle B. Paige, all of Norfolk; and one brother, Russell N. Land of New York City.



MRS. L. M. L. PAIGE  
Succe~~ns~~bs At 72

### Mrs. Amanda Baker, 85, Journal-Suicide Retired Nurse, Passes

*Norfolk, Va.*  
PHOEBUS, Va.—Funeral services for Mrs. Amanda



MRS. AMANDA B. BAKER  
Eulogized

Brown Baker, 85, a retired nurse, were conducted recently from Zion Baptist Church. She died at a local hospital following a brief illness. The Rev. J. Dett Marshburn, pastor of the church, conducted the services.

*Sat. 12-7-3-58*  
The widow of the late Walter F. Baker Sr., an instructor in the Hampton Institute trade school until his death in 1942, Mrs. Baker attended Hampton Institute and completed nurse training at Dixie Hospital in Hampton. P. 10

Mrs. Baker is survived by four sons, Walter B. Baker, New York City; Leslie C. Baker, Atlanta, Ga.; Elmer A. Baker, New York City; and Francis L. Baker, Lexington, Ky.; one sister, Elizabeth Johnson, Orange, N. J.; one broth-

er, Phillip Brown, Farmville, Va.; four grandchildren, four great grandchildren; four nephews, twelve nieces, and other relatives.

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Alabama

**FUNERAL SERVICES** for Ligon Wilson, principal of Snow Hill Institute, were held at the Butler Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Tuskegee, Tuesday. Professor Wilson died Saturday, Feb. 7. He had served the institute as principal for 19 years. *29 Al 2-15-48*

Eugenia Phillips, 74-year-old mother of Sidney J. Phillips, president and founder of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace memorial, died at her home here recently, after having been confined to bed for a number of months. *29 Al 2-15-48*

A prominent civic leader, church worker and educator, Mrs. Phillips was the wife of the Rev. J. P. Phillips, pastor of Pike Road Baptist church, whose donation of five acres of land initiated the famed Rosenwald fund program for the education of Negroes in this sector.

The Phillips' family was the first Negro land owners in Pike county.

## *Hold Last Rites For Alabama State Prexy's Mother*

*29 Al 2-19-48*  
MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Funeral Services were held, April 6, at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church for Mrs. Ellen Brown Trenholm, widow of George Washington Trenholm, former president of the Alabama State Teachers College and mother of Dr. H. Councill Trenholm, present president of the school.

The eulogy was delivered by Dr. Ralph W. Riley, former pastor of the Dexter Avenue Church, who is now president of the American Baptist Seminary at Nashville.

Music was furnished by the choir of the State Teachers College directed by Frederick Hall, with Mildred Greenwood Hall as organist. Mrs. Lillian Stone Moore, of Birmingham, was the soloist. Burial was at the Oakwood Cemetery.

A native of Tuscumbia, Ala., where the Negro high school is named in honor of her husband. Mrs. Trenholm was educated in the public schools of that town and at Walden College at Nashville. She taught for 20 years in the public schools of Tuscumbia, before moving 32 years ago to Montgomery where for the past 28 years she has contributed inspiration to the operation of the state institution for training teachers.

Besides her son, Mrs. Trenholm is survived by a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Portia Lee Trenholm, three grand-children, a sister, Miss Julia Brown, of Tuscumbia; two foster daughter, Mrs. Effie Crockett, of Bennett College and Miss Sylvester Bell, of Jarvis Christian College; and several nieces and nephews.

*Mrs. Phillips  
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PIKE ROAD, Ala.—(ANP)—Mrs.*